

Family Matters

A limited circulation family newsletter dedicated to the memory of Luther S. Bevier

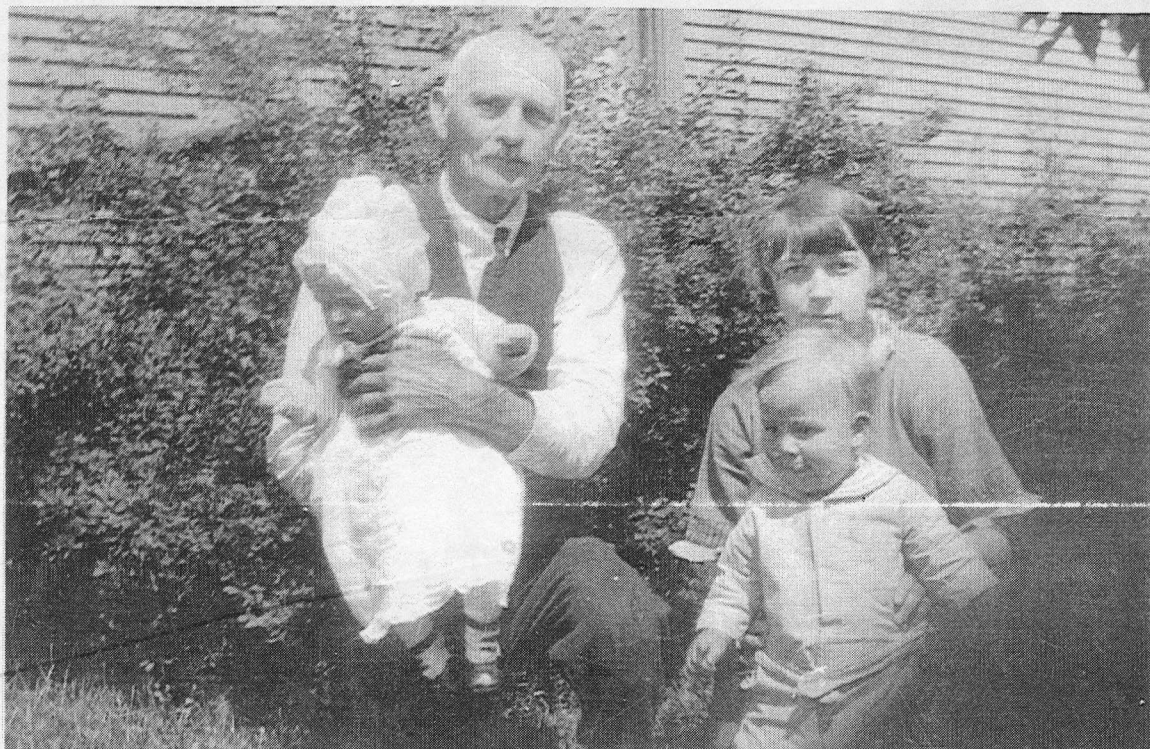
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Benjamin Franklin "Frank" Bevier (1855-1932). His father **Luther S. Bevier** died a Union POW in the Confederate capital of Richmond, Virginia 28 November 1863. His grandchildren hosted the first ever **National Bevier Reunion** in Michigan 8 July 2000. Seen with **Frank** in picture above are his daughter **Mary Jane Bevier** (later **Bramer**), and two of his grandchildren, brother and sister **Charles** (in front of **Mary**) and **Doris Bevier** (in **Frank's** arms). **Charles** and **Doris** are the children of **Charles Spencer Bevier**, second oldest son of **Frank** and the former **Elizabeth Lucas**. Picture is from **Clifford & Phyllis Bramer**, Baldwin, MI.

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Anne's Note:

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From Our Readers...

The Canadian Connection

Dear Anne,

We are certainly looking forward to the July *Bevier* Reunion and are glad to be able to help out in any way.

Enclosed are the pictures and recipes that you requested. The picture of **Dick** and the *Bevier* Street sign in Wrangle was taken in Wrangle, Alaska, in November of 1996, and the picture of **Dick** and his mother, **Erma**, with the monument in *Bevier*, Missouri, was taken in 1991.

I am sorry, but we don't know anything about *Bevier* Creek in British Columbia. The two, the street and the creek, could be connected as Wrangle is on the coast in the southern part of Alaska along the western border of Canada. However, **Dick** reminded me that we found quite a bit of *Bevier* names in Canadian phone books when we have been there, mainly just over the border in Toronto, Hamilton, Montreal, and Quebec, and up the east coast to Nova Scotia.

Also enclosed are the two recipes that you requested. It sounds as if this will really be a great reunion.

Sorry, we are not on the internet.

Sincerely,
Pat[ricia McGarvey Bevier]
181 Norseman Drive
Cordova, Tennessee 38018-7234
(11 February 2000)

EDITOR: It really was a GREAT reunion with a grand time had by all! No surprise there given the hard work of the Committee and the help from Beviers such as Pat & husband, Dick Bevier. Much thanks to both and to all who came.

As to the pictures Pat mentions, FM readers will recall these from past editions of FAMILY MATTERS. Pat sent new copies prior to the reunion at FM's request. For those readers who were not in attendance at the National Bevier Reunion, Pat's pictures were featured in one of several displays on view there. The two recipes Pat so graciously contributed can be found on pages 59 & 60 of THE BEVIER FAMILY COOKBOOK.



Pat Bevier pictured at left with cousins, **Raymond Edward BeVier**, & spouse, **Ann Shadwell BeVier**, to Pat's right. Ray & Ann came all the way from Grove, Oklahoma for the reunion. Picture taken at Friday Night Mixer, a dinner and get-acquainted evening at Elks Club in Jackson MI hosted by Lou & Jean BeVier of Jackson for early arriving Beviers.



Seeking County Histories

Dear Anne,

I'm certainly not a timely correspondent, but eventually...

I enjoyed perusing the Spring/Summer '99 issue of FM — especially the article on Flat Rock. It's hard to imagine the Huron River once was the home of sturgeon and that bears and wolves roamed the woods of Monroe County. The degradation of the environment that has accompanied "progress" seems questionable, to say the least.

Do you know if the State of Michigan has put any of its regional or county histories on line? There were several such histories published after the Civil War, usually titled "Memoirs of Washtenaw County" (for example) and they are a pretty good source for biographies of great grandparents or, more



Don't tread on me. — Motto of the first official American flag, raised by Lieut. John Paul Jones aboard Commodore Esek Hopkin's flagship ALFRED, on the Delaware River at Philadelphia, 3 December 1775.

likely, great great grandparents. The problem is, they are hard to find. My Dad's family lived in Romeo, Michigan when they first moved to Michigan, and I'd love to locate some information concerning their vocations (probably farmers) and where their home stood. (If memory serves me well, I think Romeo is in McComb County.)

All is well here. I'm hoping one of these days to get a case in Kentucky, one that doesn't settle, so we can discuss all of this—and more.

Please stay in touch.

David [Barbour]
7856 Middy Lane
Alexandria, Virginia 22306
(28 May 2000)

EDITOR: *The Library of Michigan is on line at <http://www.libofmich.lib.mi.us> and houses genealogy and local history resources but I am unsure whether any local or county histories are on line. A better source might be THE MAKING OF AMERICA web site at the University of Michigan. Funded by the Andrew Mellon Foundation, this is a digital library of literally thousands of pages from 19th century books and journal articles. Try either <http://moa.umdl.umich.edu> or <http://www.umdl.umich.edu/moa> to access this treasure trove or you can do it like I did...simply type in THE MAKING OF AMERICA and sift through the sites that come up!*



A Special Thank You

Hi Anne,

We received our copies of *Family Matters* today and are still reading them. Another excellent job with a feast of *Bevier* items. My Mom and I want to thank you for the very kind words you wrote regarding my Dad in this issue. He would have been overwhelmed by such moving tributes. Words such as those have brought great comfort to us in the last few months. You have inspired, entertained and educated us all with your pen, Anne. We thank you.

Love,
Alma and Bob [Heisler]
alroh@willard-oh.com
Willard, Ohio
(10 June 2000)

EDITOR: *Your Dad was special as are you. I hope you don't mind me sharing your note. For readers who are new to FM: Robert Eugene Heisler, husband of Alma Bevier Heisler and father of Bob and Holly, passed away on 7 February 2000. See page 22 of Winter/Spring 2000 edition.*



FAMILY MATTERS & a Visit to Kentucky

Hi!

Thanks for the new edition of *Family Matters*. We received it today. I enjoyed the picture of **Kim** and her family and was surprised to learn about the Memphian, **Erma BeVier**, that died in January at the age of 102. I also learned a little bit more about the family in Flat Rock.

We MAY be in Louisville on Saturday, 6/17, and COULD be in Louisville or Frankfort on Thursday, June 22. Could you join us for dinner on either of those nights?

We are going to Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio. We plan to leave Memphis on Sunday, 6/18, and drive straight through. However, **John** may have to go to California this week. If so, **Justin** and I would leave Memphis on Saturday, 6/17, and drive to Louisville. **John** would fly into the Louisville airport. We would then drive to Sandusky on Sunday. We will know for sure about this on Tuesday, 6/20.

We do plan to leave Ohio on Thursday morning, 6/22. Therefore, we could be in Louisville or Frankfort late that afternoon.

All we're asking is for you and **Frank** to join us for dinner — maybe on Saturday, but definitely on Thursday if it works with your schedules. Let me know.

Lisa [Bevier Groff]
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Memphis, Tennessee
(10 June 2000)

EDITOR: *Cousin Lisa and husband John made it with their son, Justin, to Frankfort on Thursday and were treated to barbecue Kentucky style in Woodford County, the heart of the Bluegrass.*



The Groffs: Lisa (Bevier) & husband John. Picture from Lisa's 20th high school reunion held September 2000 in Memphis.



A Prayer for the Reunion

Dear Anne:

Thank you for the last issue of *Family Matters*. They are always interesting. I especially appreciated the item about my Mother, naturally.

The photo of the two old ex-Marine cousins in the cemetery that cold day in December, 1998 was a surprise. **Bruce** must have provided it.

Looking forward to meeting you and your husband in person at the reunion in July.

I also appreciate, I might add, the e-mail messages you send from time to time.

Prayers might be appropriate these last days before the reunion, for example, that we may all get along well together, that all the details will fall into place, that those who travel will do so safely, etc.

Incidentally, the e-mail address wabjab41@juno.com is the one we use at home.

Kind regards,

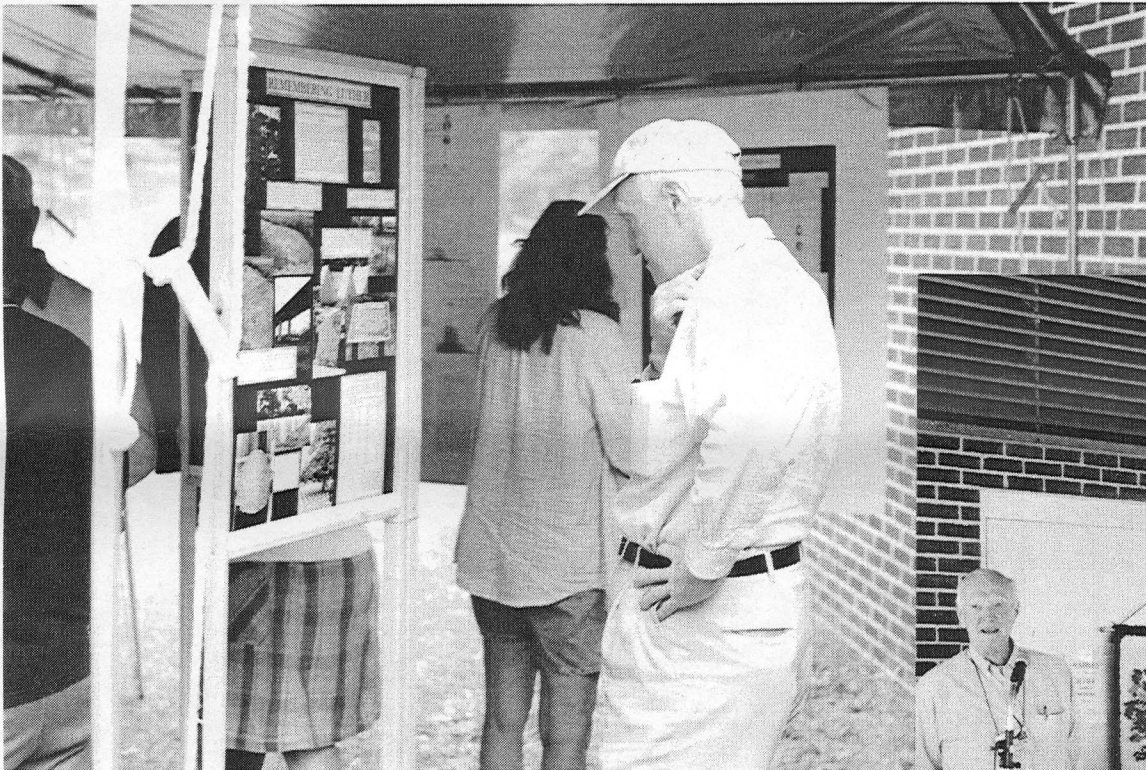
Bill BeVier

wabjab41@juno.com

Shoreview, Minnesota

(14 June 2000)

EDITOR: Erma Gertrude (Ritter) BeVier, mother of Rev. Dr. William BeVier, Shoreview MN, and Richard Bevier, Cordova TN, passed away at age 102 this past January. Bruce BeVier, Fowlerville MI, kindly provided the picture, as thought. Frank & I did have the pleasure of meeting both brothers and their lovely wives and a whole lot of other BEVIERS at the BEVIER National Reunion on 8 July 2000.



Rev. Dr. Wm. A. BeVier studies one of numerous displays on view at the Bevier National Reunion Picnic in above photo. In picture to left, he offers the benediction at the Saturday reunion. Host family matriarch, **Nancy Bevier Kohorst**, Brooklyn MI, & picnic chairman, **Bruce E. BeVier**, Fowlerville MI, look on. Notice wall hanging behind **Nancy**. This is the **Bevier** family crest which **Nancy** created as a hooked rug. She later gave this to **Bruce** for all his hard work and leadership in making a national reunion a reality.



Wants Information on Mother Krenz

Dear Mrs. Goin,

I am in receipt of your most recent *Family Matters* and each time I read these, every word, I search for any information on **F. L. Bevier**.

I also stand amazed at the inordinate amount of information, photographs, and varied people and places you include. Such a professional and informative letter. I look forward to receiving this. I often sit at the post office and open the envelope before I drive away or take the letter and read it during lunch.

Would it be possible for you to put a "help needed" or "can you help" or "do you know anything about" **F. L. Bevier** in your newsletter? If you have previously done this, could I have a copy of that page. Sometimes, I am physically unable to read, study, and search. Therefore, if you have already placed an item in your *Family Matters* would you please send me a copy.



Do you know of any other sources I might contact to ask for help? Hopefully, with your *Family Matters*, which is so complete and precise, my search would be extended greatly. Time is of the essence because of the age of the daughter. However, I have **Mrs. F. L. Bevier** documented in records, thus, she was in that area, insofar as these records detail, at the time stated. Please help.

RE: Search for MOTHER KRENZ, who married MR. F. L. BEVIER before May 1927

Father KRENZ died before May 1927.

Mother KRENZ who remarried Mr. F. L. BEVIER after the death of her husband and before May 1927.

Daughter: LENORE/LENORA KRENZ Born: 23 June 1908, Aurora, Illinois.

Mrs. F. L. BEVIER and her daughter, LENORE/LENORA KRENZ, were in Clinton, Iowa, in May 1927. Daughter, LENORE/LENORA KRENZ, was a student in school.

Thank you in advance for the help you will provide.

Sincerely,
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(16 June 2000)



Filling In Details

Dear Anne,

Thank you for the copy of *Family Matters*. I notice **Hannah** and her family on page 2. All of the **Levorsens** are planning to attend the big family get together in July. You might get to meet them.

The picture on page 21 of **Bruce** and **William A. BeVier** caught my eye. **Bill** and I are first cousins. His father **Charles** and my father **Francis Edward, Sr.**, were brothers. I was glad to see a good picture of **Bruce** as I have talked to him on the phone many times. Also, **Bill's** mother's passing is mentioned on page 22. She passed away in Memphis but she is buried here in Springfield, MO. Article mentions the funeral home but not the city.

Florence M. Snyder on page 23 was the widow of another first cousin of mine. Her mother-in-law, **Mayme BeVier**, and my Dad were brother and sister.

Thanks again for the copy. I enjoyed reading all the articles. I have often wondered why the **BeVier** side of my family came to Missouri. Mother's people came from North Carolina.

Sincerely,
Helen BeVier Bredesen
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Springfield, Missouri 65804-2829
(21 June 2000)

EDITOR: Thank you for the information and your interest. FM is only as good as the information Beviers provide. It's what keeps FM going! Letter which follows is from your niece, **Laura BeVier Levorsen**, who Frank and I had the pleasure of meeting along with her family.



Reunion Kudos

Dear Anne,

Well I'm late for your birthday wishes and late on my kudos to your enormous effort toward the **Bevier** reunion, but I wanted you to know that I've bragged to everyone, but you about the reunion, your cookbook, your newsletter, and the wonderful **Bevier** displays at the reunion (that **Bruce** said you put together). I'm totally confident that the reunion would not have been nearly as classy had it not been for your great efforts. I took pictures of your displays and have sent them around to members of my family that didn't come, and I sent copies of your cookbooks to them too. I am in awe of your effort for the family and just wanted you to know how sincerely I appreciated and respected your work. Between you and **Bruce**, I think you are a one man-one woman reunion dynamo.

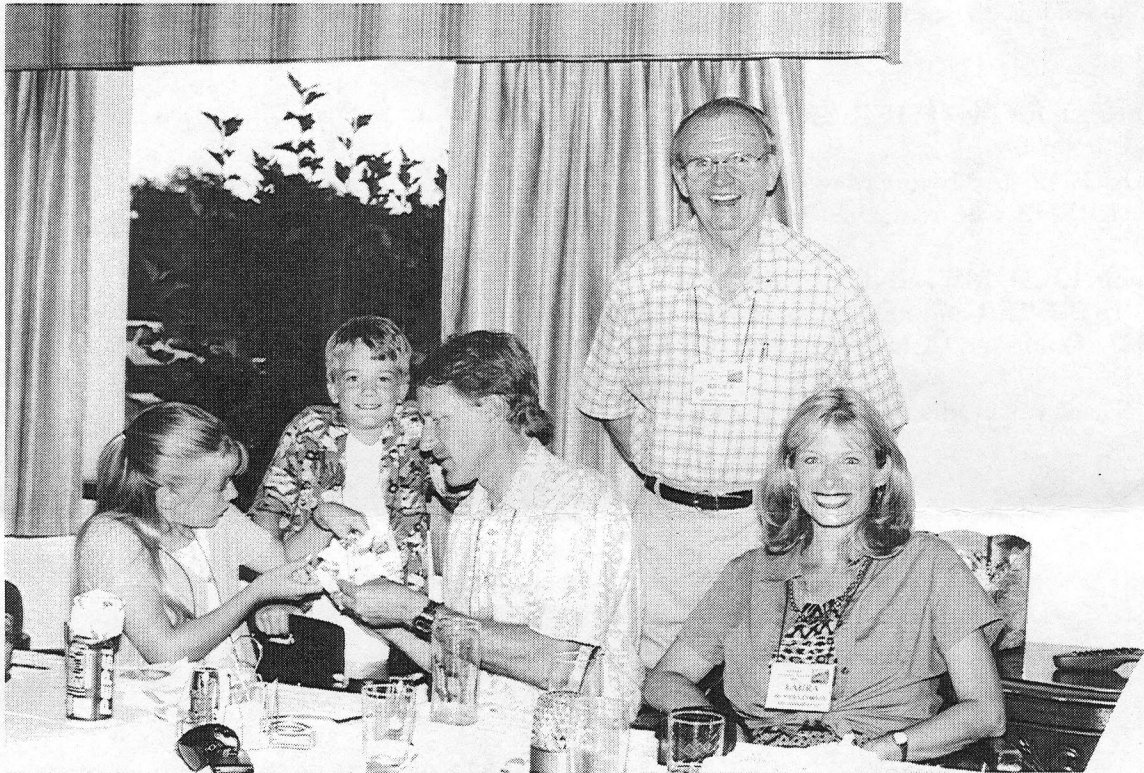
I am just getting into the *Bevier* genealogy and understanding the dynamics of the family associations and the HHS [Huguenot Historical Society—ed.], but I hope to be more active in the future. My main purpose in writing was to express my birthday wishes to you and hope you have many more years ahead because I think all of us have plenty to learn from you.

Warm regards,
Laura BeVier Levorsen
Englewood, Colorado
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EDITOR: It's nice to be appreciated and FM thanks you on behalf of everyone who worked so hard to make the first ever National Reunion of *Bevier* descendants the huge success that it was. Enthusiasm is contagious which is the reason I wanted to share your letter with FM readers. The payback for all of us has been a whole lot of positive feedback we've all



been getting from reunion goes such as yourself and we've even inspired non-Beviers who read about us in the Sunday 9 July 2000 edition of the Jackson Citizen-Patriot. (See letter to Louis & Jean BeVier reprinted below.) So happy to finally meet you and your beautiful family!



Laura BeVier Levorsen and husband Mark with Bruce E. BeVier (standing behind Laura & Mark) and the younger Levorsens, son Drew and daughter Hannah, at the Friday Night Mixer 7 July 2000 at the Jackson, MI Elk's Club. The event was hosted by Jackson locals Louis & Jean BeVier.



FAMILY MATTERS!

Hello!

Thought you'd like an extra clipping.

Our family can't come close to your vast number of relatives but in August, we'll celebrate the 80th **Porter** reunion held every year since **Bob** and his twin brother were three. **Bob** will be 83 August 18.

A good record!

God bless you!
Bob & Evelyne Porter
106 S. Brown St., Apt. C3
Jackson, Michigan 49203

EDITOR: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Porter read the front page story on the National BEVIER Reunion in Sunday's JACKSON CITIZEN PATRIOT and were impressed enough to pass it along to Louis & Jean BeVier with the above note. Belated best wishes on the Porter Family Reunion to this thoughtful couple (and birthday wishes to Robert Porter)!



A New Reader

Dear Anne,

Bruce BeVier sent me a copy of *Family Matters* newsletter Winter/Spring edition. It was very nice to see my parents (**Janie & Orlin Bevier**) and my grandparents in the picture below **Orlin and Janie's** picture in the newsletter. **Garry Orlin Bevier** is my brother and also **Jimmy Lee Bevier**. **Garry** has been telling me about your newsletter and I had been planning to write you requesting to receive your letter.

Garry and his wife **Lynda** were able to go back to the family reunion the first part of July. I would have liked to have gone, but couldn't make it.

I have been to New Paltz, NY to Huguenot Street and my husband **Karl Herkamp** and I were able to get a tour inside the **Bevier** house, as well as the other houses on the tour. We have also been to **Bevier, Mo.**, what a pretty town.

I am sending \$20 by mail to help defray the expenses of the newsletter. Please let me know if you have a subscription price.

Sincerely,
Joan Elaine Bevier Herkamp
jherkamp@ucinet.com
Umatilla, Oregon
(20 July 2000)

EDITOR: Thank you! Your name has been added!



No man is fit to command another that cannot command himself.—William Penn, NO CROSS, NO CROWN, 1669.

Likes FM

This is very good.

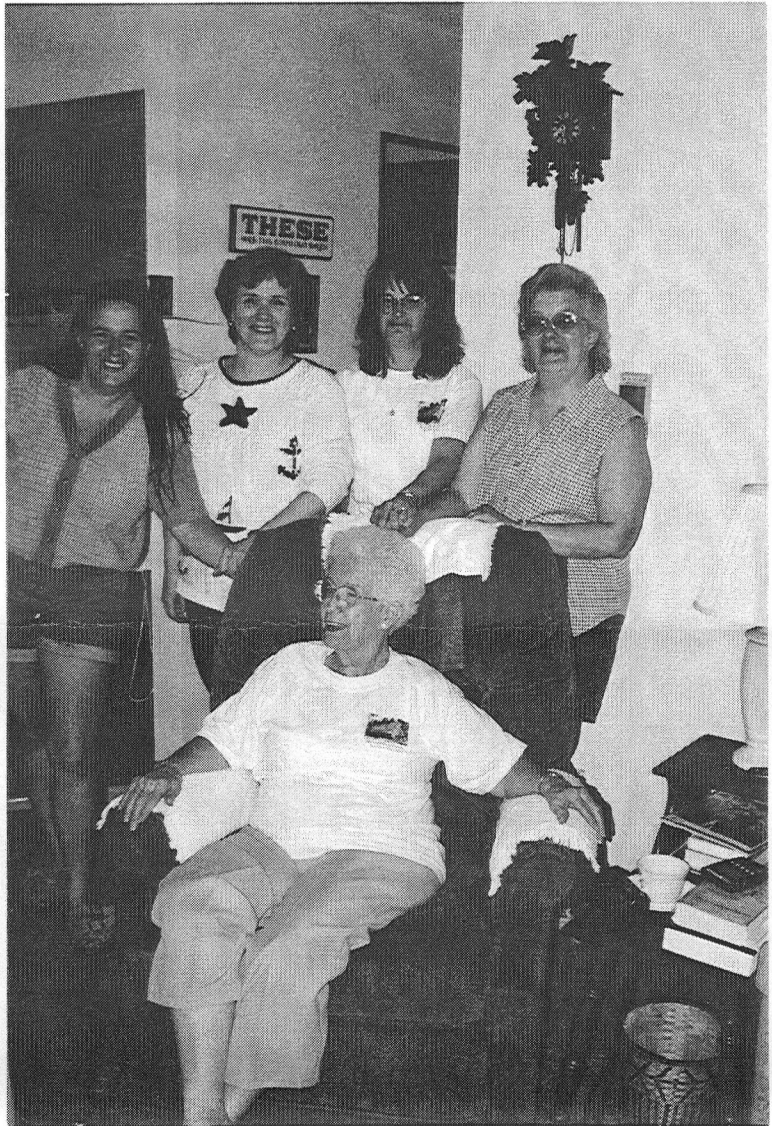
Anne, I received the *Family Matters* newsletter. I haven't had time to review all of it but the effort and love you always put into it shows. Thank you for sharing with us.

Hope to see you at the reunion.

Clara [Kohorst Napier]
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Haslett, Michigan
(13 June 2000)

EDITOR: Clara, Nancy Bevier Kohorst's daughter, was part of the reunion committee which made the Bevier National Reunion the huge success that it was. FM thanks her for her comments.

E-mail writer **Clara Napier**, second from left, with her sisters (standing l-r) **Anna Wynn**, **Carol Hicks** and **Janice Kruger**. The four sisters and their mother, **Nancy Bevier Kohorst** (seated in front), gathered at Nancy's apartment after the reunion on 8 July 2000. Photo courtesy of **Nancy Bevier Kohorst**.



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Anne,

I know you took numerous pictures [at the reunion] but thought you'd like to have these!

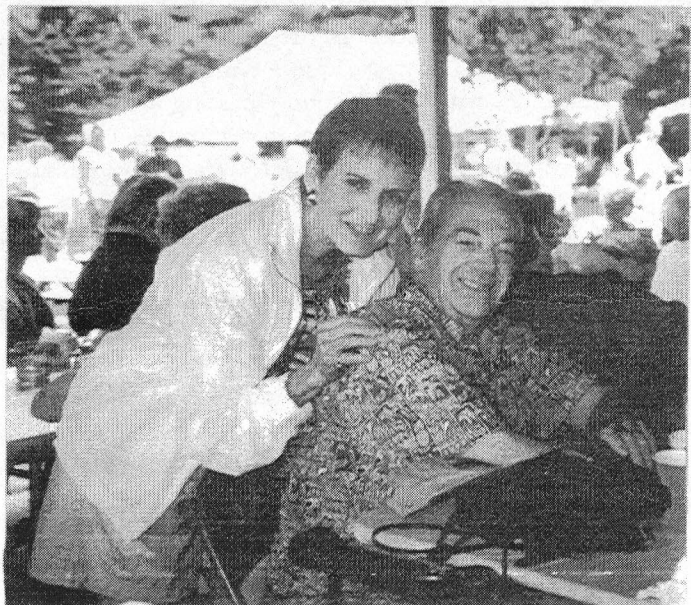
Enjoy!

Love,

D[olores Drouillard Perry]
4845 Cottick Dr. #424
Caseville, Michigan
(13 August 2000)

EDITOR: Bevier National Reunion pictures from Dolores and others are featured throughout this expanded issue of FM.

Picture at right snapped by **Dolores Perry** at Bevier National Reunion is of her first cousin **Frank Gene Bevier** & wife **Mona**. Frank & Mona retired to Ocqueoc, outside of Rogers City, from Royal Oak, Michigan in 1996.



Did You Know?..

The recently published *The Bevier Family: Its History and Genealogy* was a sellout with demand so great that author **Dale André BeVier** took orders for a second edition at the Bevier National Reunion. Dale, the family genealogist, published 200 copies in the first edition.



Next to ingratitude, the most painful thing to bear is gratitude.—Henry Ward Beecher, clergyman (1813-1887)

At Wamplers Lake:

Michigan Site of National *Bevier* Reunion



An early *Bevier* reunion at Wamplers Lake, circa 1930's. Left to right, back row: Bill *Bevier*, John *Bevier*, Ed *Bevier*, Frank *Bevier*, Grove *Bevier*; and, front row: Rachel (*Bevier*) Stachlewitz, Mary (*Bevier*) Bramer, and Mother Elizabeth Catherine (*Lucas*) *Bevier*. Note lake behind trees in background. Picture courtesy of Clifford and Phyllis Bramer, Baldwin, Michigan.

The first ever national, some would say *international*, reunion of descendants of *Louis* and *Marie (LeBlanc) Bevier* — Huguenot refugees who came to these shores in the mid 1670's — was held in Michigan at the Walter J. Hayes State Park on Wamplers Lake on Saturday, 8 July 2000. They gathered from 24 states¹ and one from as far away as Scotland, estimated between three and four hundred strong, to size each other up, swap tales and for just plain fun. The event was hosted by the *Benjamin Franklin "Frank" Bevier* descendants of *Luther S.* and *Rachel (Hooper) Bevier*² who have gathered at this site for reunion picnics with their branch of *Beviers* since at least the 1930's.

The idea for a national reunion was spawned a few years back by *Dale A. BeVier*, the family genealogist and then president of the *Bevier-Elting* Family Association (BEFA) and the Huguenot Historical Society (HHS). *Dr. BeVier*, a current resident of Florida and recent Maryland resident, bowed out after that, the work and planning passing into the capable hands of chairman *Bruce E. BeVier*, Fowlerville, Michigan and the reunion committee, composed of elders of the host family headed by sisters *Nancy Bevier Kohorst* and *Betty Bevier Vogel* and their brother *Vernon Bevier*, all Michiganders. *Dale's* request to host a 2000 national reunion was presented to them and other family members present at their 1999 picnic and they agreed even though it had never been done before. There was no holding this group back after that and did it they did!

The group mailed brochures to known *Beviers* across the country compiled from various lists made available to them primarily from BEFA and one list from *Family Matters*. These were cross-checked but they were hampered by not always current names and addresses with several brochures coming back to be corrected and remailed, where possible. The news spread even without brochures though and *Bruce* and others fielded calls from some not on mailing lists. There were two mailings of the brochures which were designed in Kentucky by *Anne Bevier Goin* and printed at Lynn's Blueprint & Copies which also prints *FM*.

The group also worked with Michigan State Park officials at Hayes State Park but there was no guarantee up front they would be able to reserve the pavilion for the July reunion date which all agreed was a must. According to park policy, the pavilion is made available equally to all and any reservation request is on a first come-first serve basis. Thanks to *Vernon Bevier*, who made certain he was first in line on New Year's Day, the pavilion was reserved for the 8 July 2000 reunion date. With an eye to potential inclement weather come July, tents were also rented and/or donated for use. This was

¹Reunion Chairman *Bruce E. BeVier* provides the following list of states: MI, SC, NC, WA, MO, FL, IL, CA, VA, IN, WI, NY, CO, OH, MN, AL, OR, AZ, OK, TX, KY, MD, IA, and, possibly, PA. "There might be a question about Pennsylvania," *Bruce* states, "but with it there is a total of 24."

²*Luther* died a prisoner of the Confederacy in 1863, *Rachel* outliving him until February 1896. *Frank* is one of two sons who survived into adulthood. The other is *Edwin "Ed" S. Bevier*.

through the efforts of **Don Vogel**, Temperance MI, husband of **Betty Bevier Vogel**, and **Mary Strohaber Kelly**, Pittsford MI.

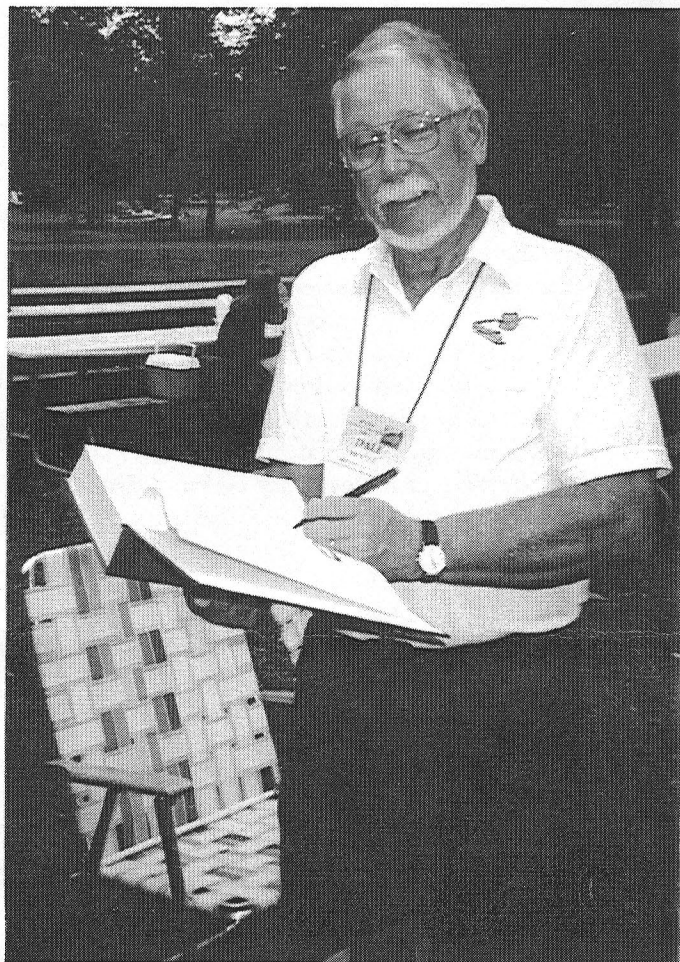
Reunion guests were encouraged to arrive early because of some very real concerns late arrivals could be turned away by state park officials if the parking lot filled to capacity. It turned out organizers needn't have worried. Somebody upstairs was listening and overcast skies kept locals away from the popular park which could rightfully be called **Bevier**, Michigan that day. (Sorry, **Bevier** MO!) The threat of rain from overcast skies remained just that, however, and when only one or two dozen drops managed to fall shortly after 10AM, few if any noticed. They were too busy. **Beviers** crowded around displays depicting their heritage, bought souvenirs and raffle tickets and enjoyed the variety of foods offered in the potluck spread. Those who did not bring a dish paid \$5.00 a head in advance to cover the cost of food purchased by the reunion committee.

Dale André BeVier, author of the recently published family genealogy *The Bevier Family: Its History and Genealogy*, autographed copies of his book and took names for a second edition. The committee itself purchased two of the family genealogies. A third book was donated by the author putting the committee in a position to donate one of their two books to the Library of Michigan in the name of the descendants of **Luther S.** and **Rachel Bevier** and still allowing two books to be raffled at the reunion. **Robert "Bob" E. Bevier**, Irving, Texas, won one of these. The identity of the second winner is unknown. An afghan, purchased by the committee from the HHS gift store in New Paltz, site of the house built by **Louis Bevier** in the 1690's, was also raffled. The afghan featured all of the houses on Huguenot Street in NewPaltz including, of course, the one built by **Louis**. This was won by **Kathy Bevier Brafford**, Cement City, Michigan.

Reverend Richard Matson, Alden MI, offered the invocation at the Saturday reunion and later his wife, **Jackie Benton Matson**, read aloud a letter to the assemblage from her **Bevier** ancestor recalling the 1861 journey from Pennsylvania to Michigan in a covered wagon. **Reverend Wm. A. BeVier**, Shoreview MN, offered a benediction. **Alta Cecil Koch**, West Terre Haute IN, talked to the reunion about her **Bevier** grandmother, **Sarah Gillett**, daughter of **Sarah Ver-nooy Bevier**. **Alta**, who recently turned 90 this past October, brought several items which had belonged to her grandmother that she proudly displayed during her talk.

Betty Bevier Vogel manned a souvenir station where assorted mugs, shirts, framed pictures of the New Paltz homestead, and other items were sold. At an adjacent display area, **Beviers** could purchase the *Bevier Family Cookbook: Recipes from across the generations*, a compilation of recipes and family stories solicited from descendants prior to the reunion by **Anne Bevier Goin**, who published this book.

Displays, a joint effort of **Anne** who designed the displays and husband **Frank Goin**



Dale's autograph!...and no, the picture is not reversed! Dale is left-handed. Photo courtesy of Jackie Benton Matson, Alden, Michigan.



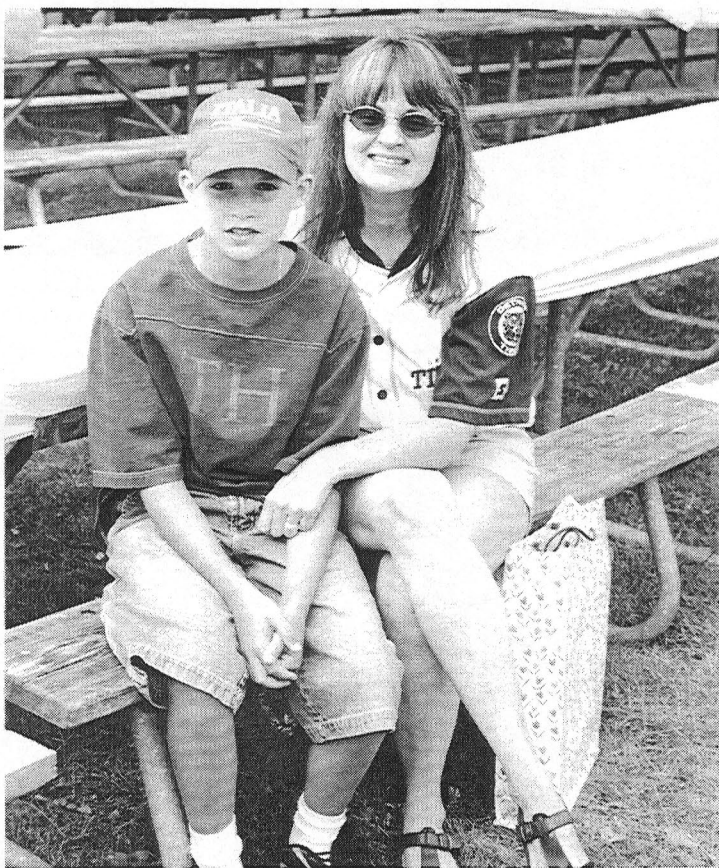
Jackie Benton Matson reads from a letter written by Betsy Graham Bevier, her great grandmother who, with husband William Newton Bevier & the couple's seven children, moved from Crawford Cnty. PA to Michigan in a covered wagon. Bruce E. BeVier listens in background.



who designed and constructed the framework stands which held them, ran the gamut from geography to academia. There were displays on **Bevier** place names; **Beviers** in the Civil and Revolutionary Wars; tombstones; Huguenots; a *how am I related* chart; and so on. A display of **BeVier & Son Dairy** milk bottles, prized collection of **Bruce E. BeVier**, was on view in a handsome oak case designed and built by **Louis "Louie" BeVier**, a retired finish carpenter from Jackson MI.⁴ Last, but not least, two historical books published late and mid 1800's were shown: Confederate **Col. Robert S. Bevier's History of the First and Second Missouri Confederate Brigades 1861-1865 and from Wakarusa to Appomattox, a Military Anagraph**, dealing with **Col. Bevier's** Civil War experiences, and **Abraham G. Bevier's The Indians: or Narratives of Massacres and Depredations on the Frontier in Wawasink and Its Vicinity, During the American Revolution** (how's that for a title?!), a recollection of Revolutionary War stories collected by **Mr. Bevier** from old timers who lived through those times.

The **Beviers** drew attention from the local press as well. **Monetta L. Harr**, a reporter with *The Jackson Citizen Patriot*, wrote a front page story for the Sunday morning edition of the paper complete with front page photo of **Nancy Bevier Kohorst** hugging **Bruce BeVier**!⁵ **Ms. Harr** interviewed several **Beviers** including **Dale BeVier, Bruce BeVier, Alta Koch, Louie BeVier, Anne Goin** and others. Learning **Ms. Harr** was also a food critic for the paper, **Anne** insisted she have one of the family cookbooks.

The day finally drew to a close but not to an end. Even as the tents were coming down and the clean-up got underway, **Marguerite "Peggy" Bevier Hanes**, Warren MI, and grandson **Anthony Hanes** arrived, the last **Beviers** on a special day.



Better Late Than Never!?. **Peggy Bevier Hanes** and grandson **Anthony Hanes** in picture to left. They arrived late after most **Beviers** were gone but posed for this photo to prove they were there!



Did You Know?..

The *DAR Patriot Index—Centennial Edition* lists 15 **Beviers** who fought in the American Revolutionary War. They are: **Abraham**: b 1-1-1713 NY d 1796 NY m **Margaret Elting** Pvt NY; **Abraham**: b 11-18-1746 NY d p 1808 NY m (1) **Maria DuBois** (2) **Margrietje LeFevre** (3) **Naeltje Vanderbilt** Pvt PS NY; **Andries**: b 4-14-1742 NY d 1800 NY m **Jacomynkje DuBois** Capt PS NY; **Benjamin Jr**: b 6-10-1762 NY d 12-13-1822 NY m **Leah Roosa** Sgt NY; **David**: b 11-27-1746 NY d 6-17-1822 NY m **Marie Hasbrouck**; **David**: b 3-5-1764 NY d c 1- -1829 NY m **Sally Ann Gear** Pvt NY WPNS; **Elias**: b 3-28-1753 NY d 7-28-1838 NY m **Sarah LeFevre** Sol NY PNSR; **Jacob**: b 2-1-1747 NY d 9- -1834 NY m **Marie York** Pvt NY; **Jacobus**: b 8-18-1717 NY d 7-17-1800 NY m **Anna Vernoooy** PS NY; **Jesse**: bpt 5-11-1729 NY d 1803 NY m **Elizabeth Hoffman** Pvt NY; **Johannis**: b 1-29-1724 NY d 1797 NY m (1) **Rachel Lefever** (2) **Elizabeth (Gonzales) Van Vliet** Capt NY; **Jonas**: bpt 7-26-1758 NY d 1797 NY m **Maria DeWitt** Pvt NY; **Philip Du Bois**: b 12-28-1751 NY d 4-18-1802 NY m **Anne DeWitt** Capt CL NY; **Samuel**: b 11-9-1740 NY d p 1791 NY m **Rachel Auchmoody** Lt PS NY; **Solomon**: b 12-4-1748 NY d 11-10-1810 NY m **Nellie (Elinor) Griffin** PS NY.

⁴See Winter/Spring 2000 *FM* at page 24 for picture and story on milk bottles & display.

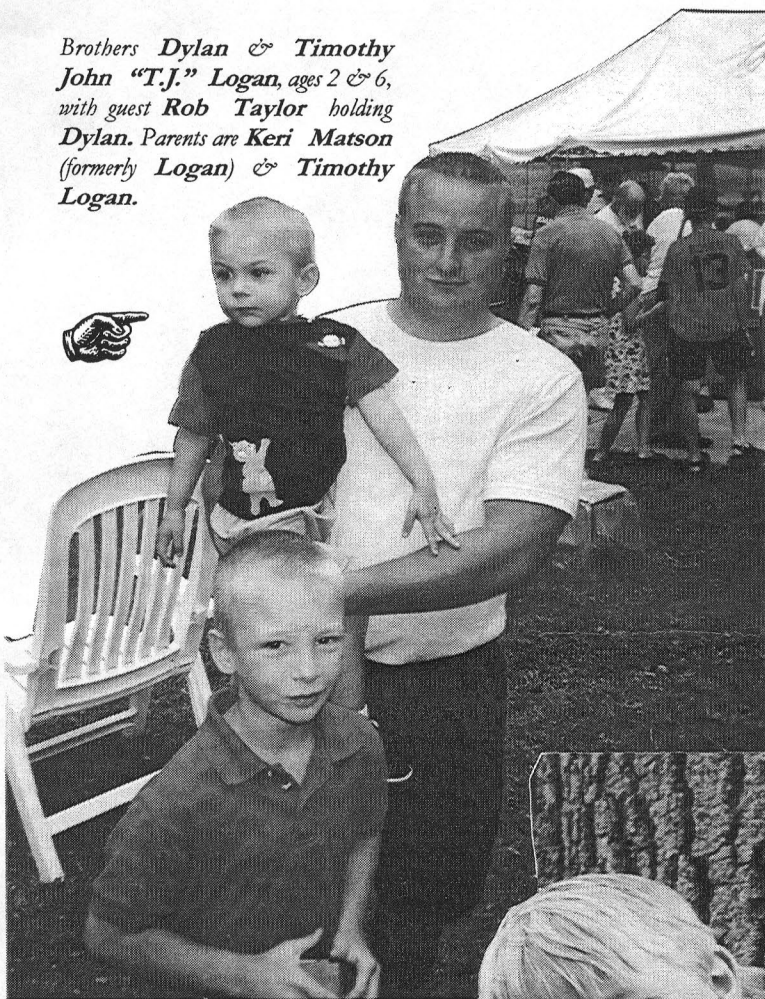
⁵Readers can email *FM* at <afgoin@earthlink.net> to have a copy of **Ms. Harr's** article forwarded to their email address.

More reunion pictures next page...

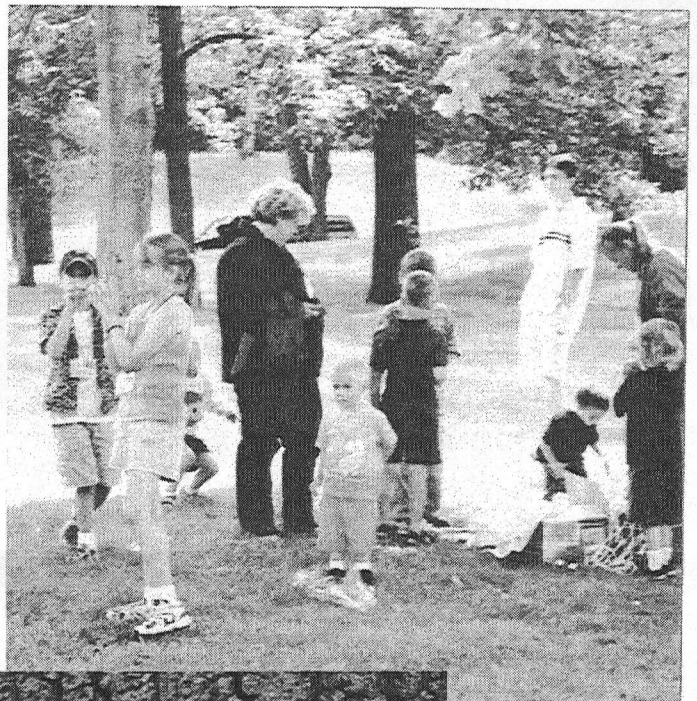


It is far more impressive when others discover your good qualities without your help.

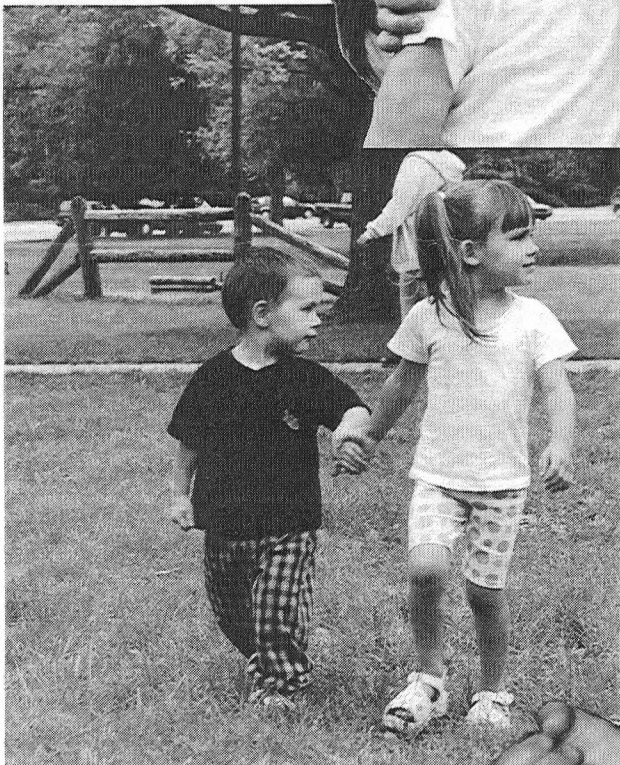
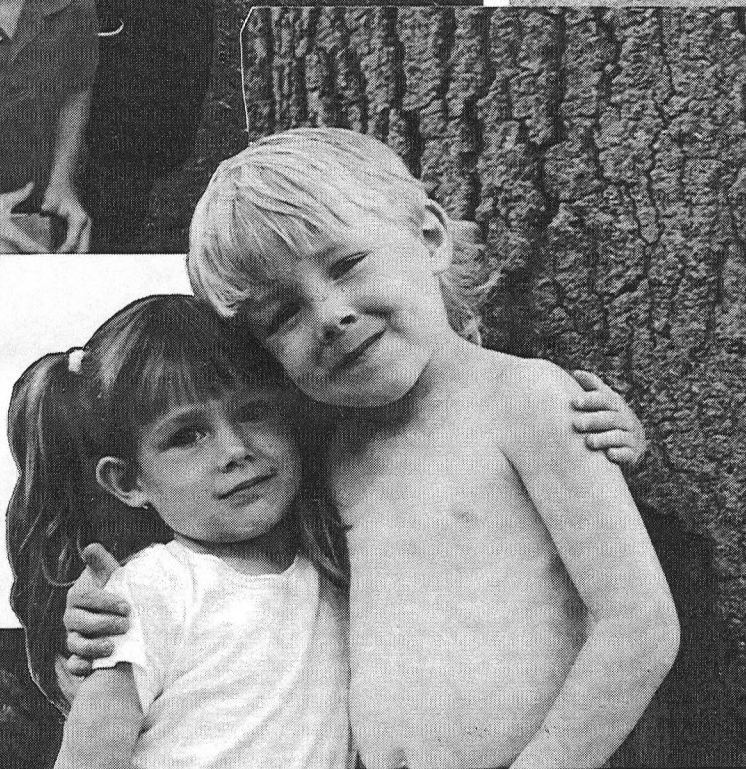
Brothers **Dylan & Timothy John "T.J." Logan**, ages 2 & 6, with guest **Rob Taylor** holding Dylan. Parents are **Keri Matson** (formerly **Logan**) & **Timothy Logan**.



*Child's Play: Can you name **Bevier** offspring in photo below & one underneath? Let us hear from you!*



Siblings **Darian & Paul Huettner**, ages 3 and almost 6. **Darian's** picture also in *Summer 1997 FM* (see pg. 9). Cousin **Joshua Wynn**, age 2, is below & in close-up at right. Parents are **Dawn Hicks** & **Ron Huettner**.



Joshua Wynn, age 2. Parents are **Anna Kohorst** & **Daniel Wynn**



There are two theories to arguing with women. Neither one works.

Just some of the families...

Vern Bevier (white beard & sunglasses) & his sister **Nancy Bevier Kohorst** (seated in front) with their families in picture to right.



Photo Below (left to right): Jan Drouillard, Jack Drouillard, Ramona (Frank) Bevier, Bob E. Bevier, Mona (Albert) Bevier, Frank G. Bevier, Dayle (Bevier) Ryan, Julie (Bevier) Drouillard, Frank Goin, & Anne (Bevier) Goin.



The Matsons



Richard & Jackie		
David Keri Lisa		
& Sherrie Matson (Matson)		
Matson (formerly & Andrew		
Andy Logan) Ahrens		
Josh Timothy &		
& Dylan David		
Chelsea & guest		
Rob Taylor		

Picture Below: Alma (Bevier) Heisler, Alta (Cecil) Koch, Bob Heisler.



Corner Photo. Back row (L to R): Alma Bevier Heisler, Cindy Bevier Trimner, Holly Heisler Rose, Mark Seeley, Dr. Robert Allen Bevier (in ball hat), Jo Griffith Bevier, Robert Eugene Bevier; Middle Row (L to R): Dana Bevier Trimne, Emma Jo Seeley, Cynthia Bevier Seeley, Elizabeth Bangel Bevier, Jared Robert Bevier; Front Row (L to R): Robert Eric Heisler, Kendra Bevier, Tyler Edward Bevier.

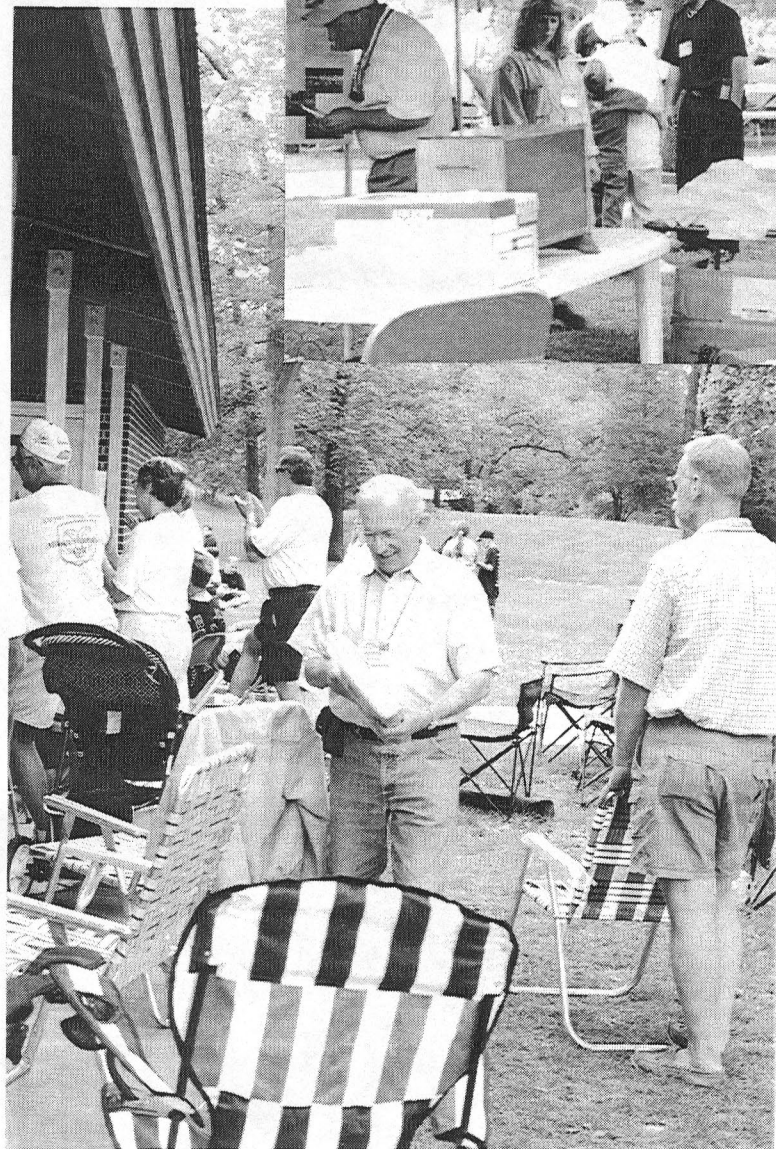
Remember me in the family tree/my name, my days, my strife/Then I'll ride upon the wings of time/and live an endless life.—Goetsch



Left to right: David Albertson, Amanda BeVier Thompson, and Karen Albertson of East Pointe, Michigan. Photo courtesy of Jackie Matson.



Bevier descendants mingle in center of photo while others divide time between displays (far left corner) & souvenirs (right corner). Both were very popular.



Robert "Bob" E. Bevier, Irving, Texas (center of photo), admires new genealogy book, one of two books which was raffled at the National Bevier Reunion. Bob said afterwards he had a feeling when he bought his raffle ticket it was the winner!



Betty Bevier Vogel, Temperance, Michigan (seated), mans the souvenir stand. This along with the displays was very popular.

Always remember, however sure you are that you can easily win, there would not be a war if the other man did not think he also had a chance.—Sir Winston S. Churchill, MY EARLY LIFE, 1930

Randy Dean BeVier with his father, **Bruce Edward BeVier**, in picture at left. Both live in Michigan.



Julie Lynn Bevier Drouillard (seated), Troy, Michigan, signs in arriving Beviers below. Note two unidentified **Bevier** descendants in smaller picture to extreme right.



Bevier crowd scene taken from a distance by **Lynda Bevier**, Yamhill, Oregon



Foodline below (left to right): **Nancy Bevier Kohorst** (back to camera), Brooklyn, MI, **Dale Marie Bevier Ryan**, Jupiter, FL, **Mona Albert Bevier**, Ocqueoc, MI, & **Barbara Bramer Verdon**, Hudson, MI.



Beviers! Beviers! Everywhere you look!

If you can identify any unnamed **Bevier** descendant, let us know. Be sure to cite a page number & tell us which photo!—Editor



Dianne Perry Hevelhorst, Albion, Michigan at left and her mother, **Dolores Drouillard Perry**, Cassville, Michigan on right.



We may be tossed upon an ocean where we can see no land—nor, perhaps, the sun or stars. But there is a chart and a compass for us to study, to consult, and to obey. That chart is the Constitution.—Daniel Webster, in an address at Springfield, Massachusetts, 29 September 1847.



Getting Lost in the Crowd.
There was a lot of that happening!



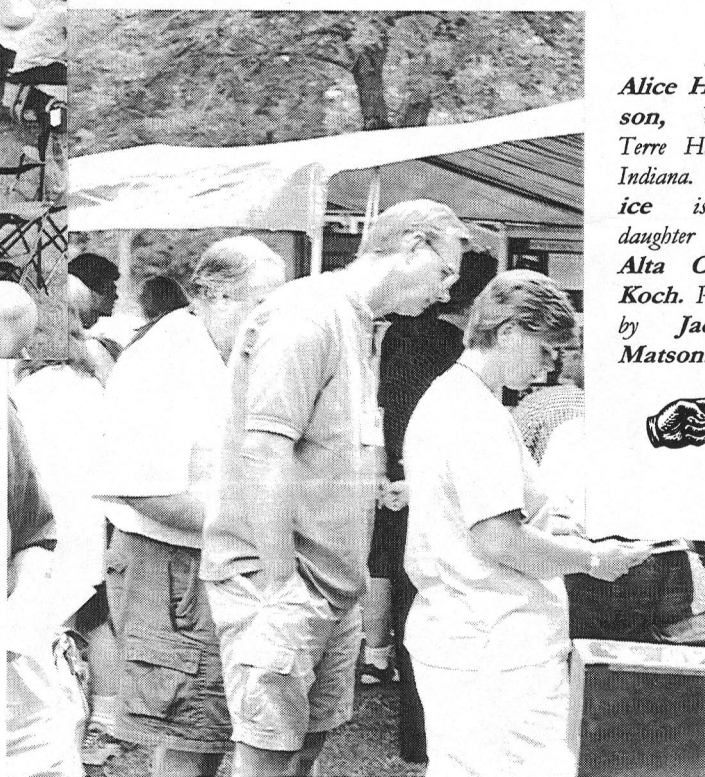
Something in Common.
From one end of the country to the other, **Beviers** found each other. Photo below, left to right: **Donald Allen BeVier**, Heath, OH, **Garry Orlin Bevier**, Yamhill, OR, & **Tim Bradford BeVier**, brother of Don, also of Ohio. Picture by **Lynda Bevier**, Garry's wife.



Do You Know This Bevier? Unidentified young man relaxes in lawn chair below.



Randy BeVier and wife, **Mary Sue Kaminski BeVier**, examine cookbook in photo to right taken by **Frank Goin**.



Alice Han-
son, West
Terre Haute,
Indiana. **Alice** is the
daughter of
Alta Cecil Koch. Photo
by **Jackie Matson**.

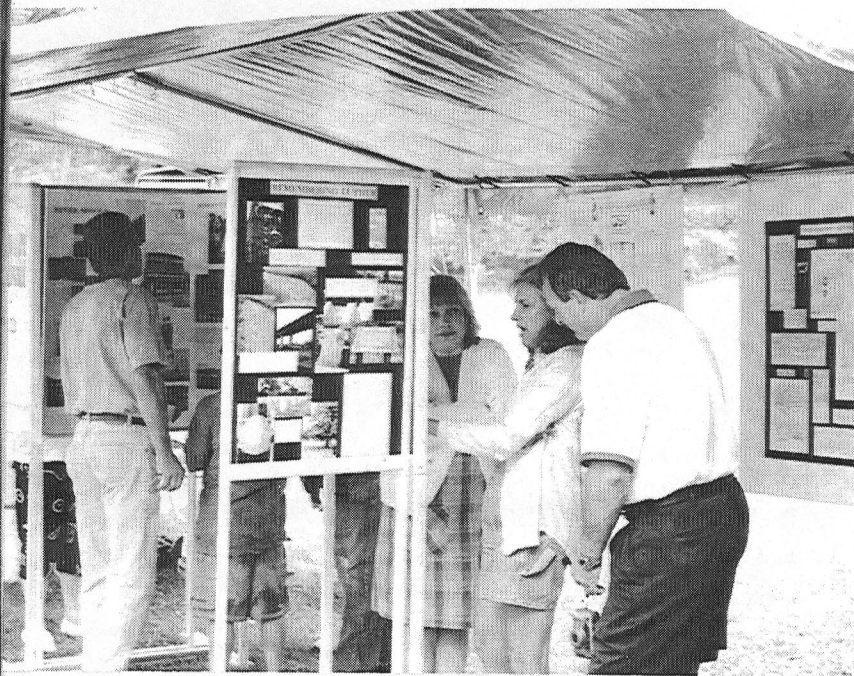
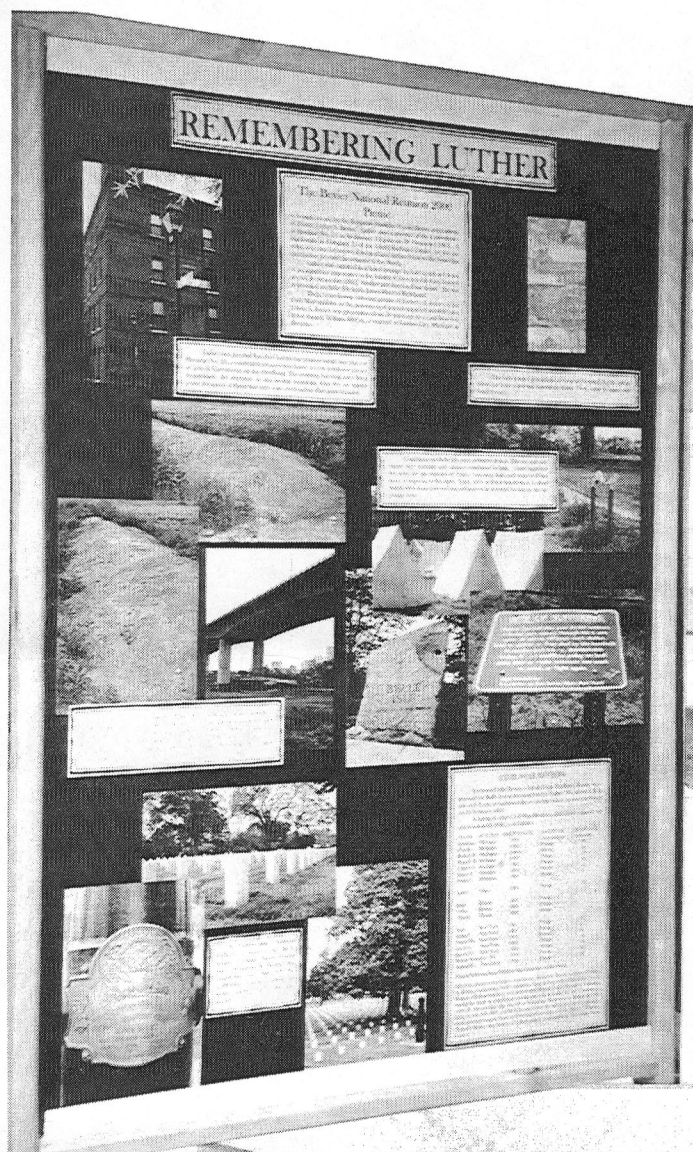


*Keep Turning. Still
More Reunion &
Beviers!*



The Past Is Present...

Displays a Window on *Bevier* History



Eureka! Ohioans **Paula Bevier**, Heath, OH, brother-in-law **Tim Bevier** & sister-in-law **Pam Nabil Bevier**, make discovery. Note camera in **Tim's** hand. There were many **Beviers** at National Reunion taking pictures of displays.



Patriarch of host family, **Luther S. Bevier**, died in Civil War. His was one of several displays on view. Photo by **Lynda Bevier**, Yamhill, Oregon.



Frank Goin, seated, back to camera, mans the display booth. He talks with two unidentified **Bevier** descendants. A third unidentified **Bevier**, in background wearing ball cap, studies a display.



Mary Strohaver Kelly, Pittsford, MI, & her brother **Michael Lee Bramer**, TX, are seen in picture to right.

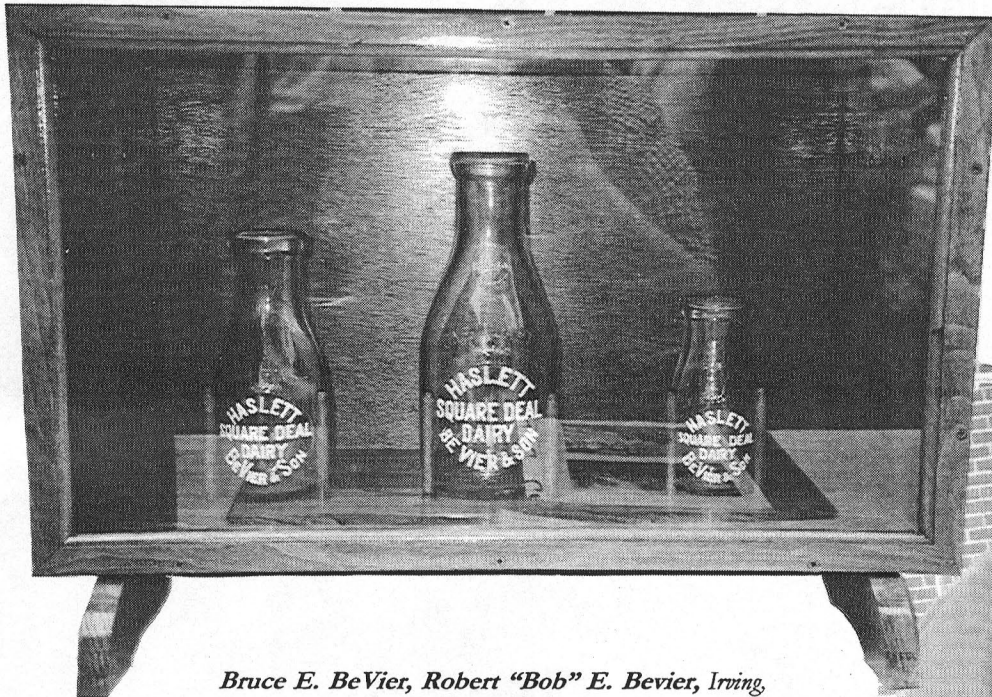
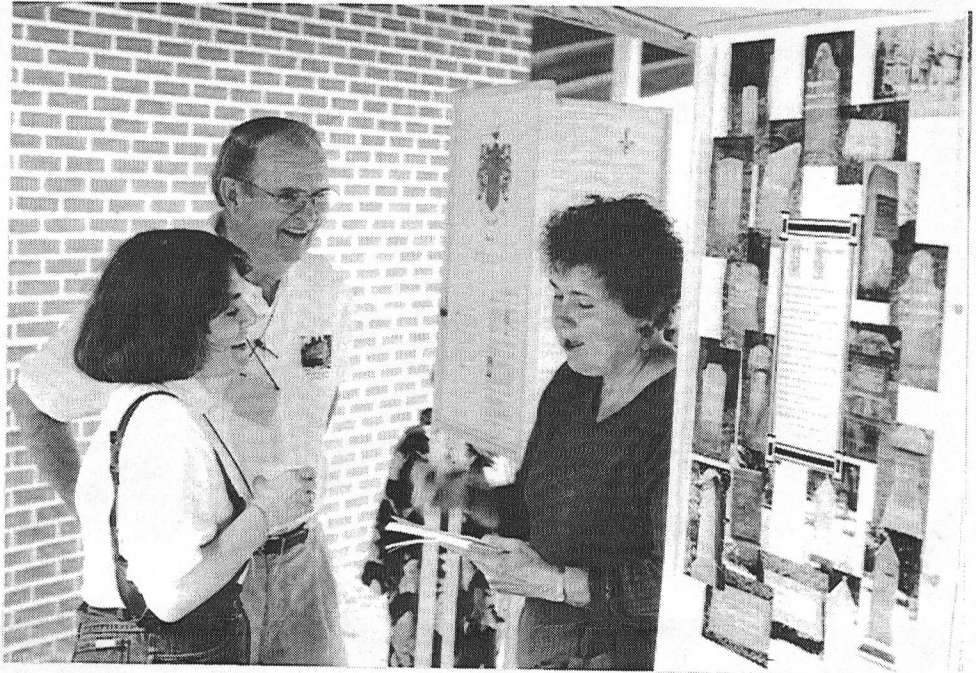


Religion without humanity is poor human stuff.—Sojourner Truth, abolitionist and former slave (1797-1883).

Meeting the Press. Anne Bevier Goin, Frankfort, KY, and Bruce E. BeVier, Fowlerville, MI, are interviewed by JACKSON CITIZEN PATRIOT reporter Monetta L. Harr in photo at right taken by Frank Goin.



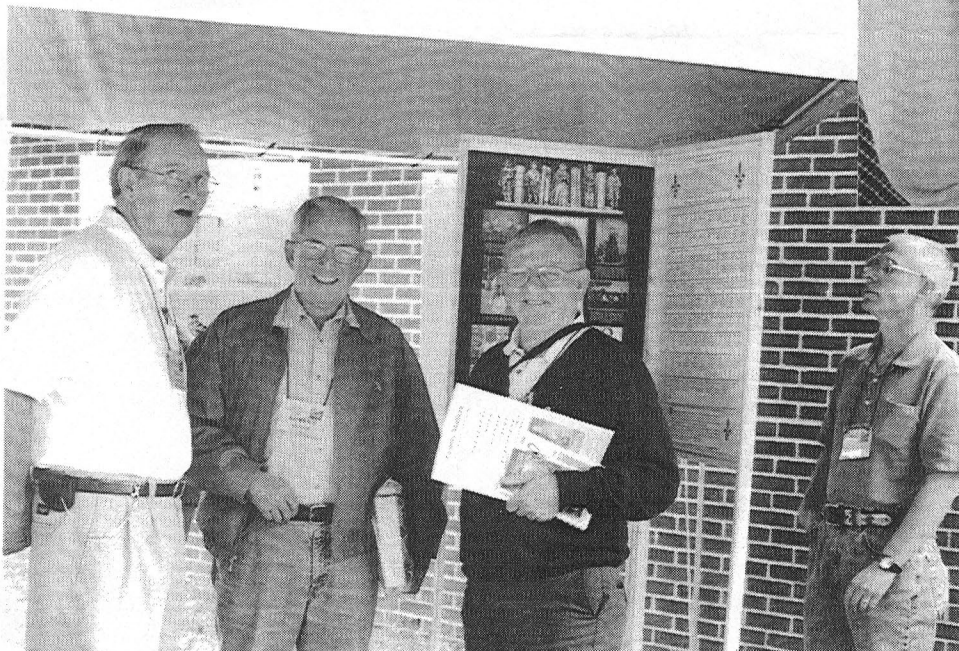
The BeVier Dairy. Prized milk bottle collection of Bruce E. BeVier shown in photo below was on display in handsome oak cabinet made especially for this collection by retired finish carpenter Louis BeVier, Jackson, MI. Photo taken by Lynda Bevier, Yambill, OR.



Bruce E. BeVier, Robert "Bob" E. Bevier, Irving, TX, John "Jack" Drouillard, Lakeland, FL, & unidentified Bevier at far right.



Louis "Lou" R. Witt, Catonsville, MD. He is a former president of the Bevier-Elting Family Association (BEFA).



The Night Before...

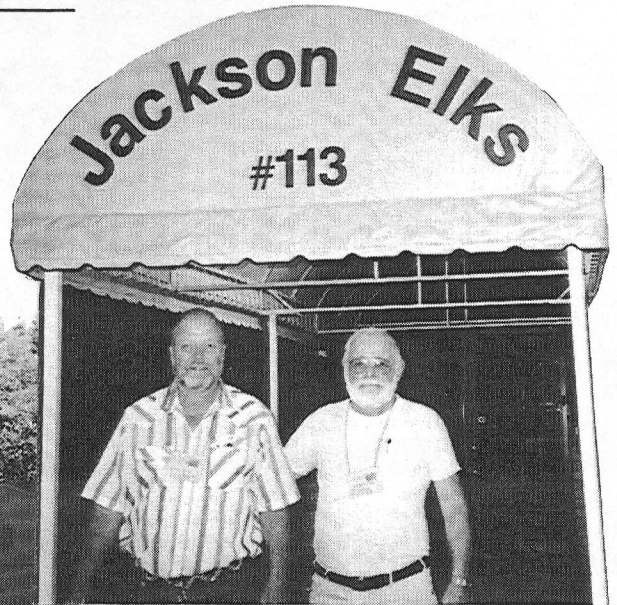
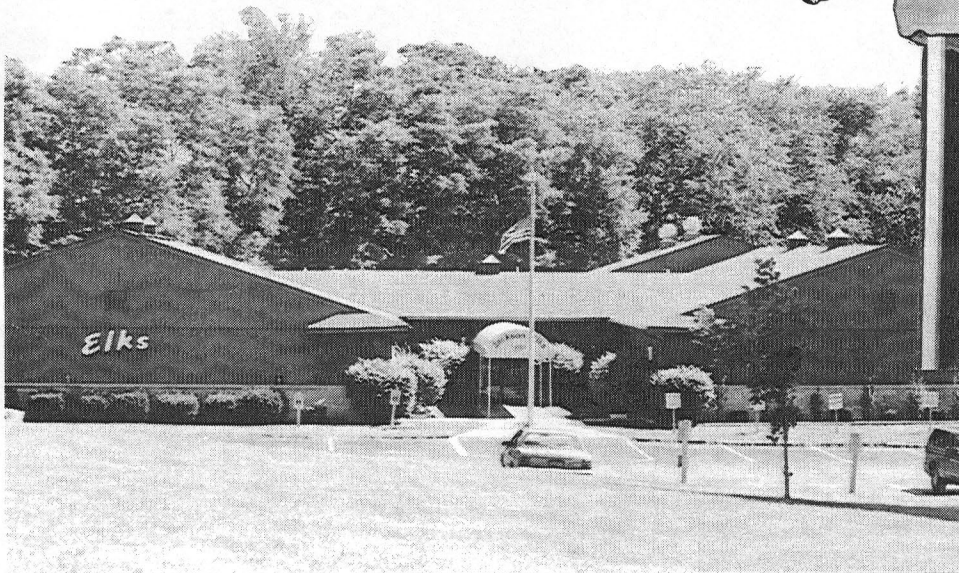


The character of the man is above all other requisites in a commander-in-chief.—Lieutenant General Antoine-Henri Baron de Jomini, SUMMARY OF THE ART OF WAR, 1838

Friday Night Mixer:

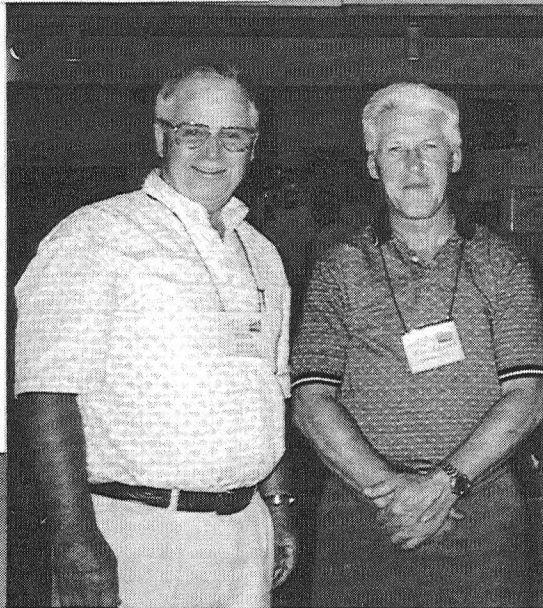
Beviers who came early had the chance to mingle at the Friday Night Mixer at the Elks Club in Jackson. They were treated to background music with singing by a talented duo, one of their very own, **Dale A. and Helen BeVier** (see next page). Elks Club members **Louis "Louie" and Jean BeVier** hosted the dinner.

Garry Orlin Bevier, Yamhill, OR (left), & Vernon Bevier, Jackson, MI (right), leave Elks Club after attending Friday Night Mixer.



Jackson Elks Club at left prior to Friday Night Mixer. Parking lot would soon fill up!

*Bevier Family Genealogist Dale André BeVier (wearing glasses and white shirt in center), Wildwood, FL, & Garry Orlin Bevier (standing next to Dale), Yamhill, OR, discuss Dale's recently published **THE BEVIER FAMILY: ITS HISTORY AND GENEALOGY**. Elk's Club host, Louie BeVier, far right corner, is reading genealogy book. Bevier in far left corner is unidentified.*



Photos this page by Lynda Bevier, Yamhill, Oregon, with exception of Elks Club, taken by Anne Bevier Goin, Frankfort, Kentucky.



John Bevier, MI, & Kim E. Bevier, Camden, SC, in photo above.

more...

Photos this page by Anne Bevier Goin

Bruce E. BeVier, MI, & Laura BeVier Levorsen, CO.



Lois Bee, Scotland.



Mona Bevier, MI.



Clarence "Huck" Bevier, MI.



Dale A. & spouse Helen BeVier entertain in photo above. Dale plays a mean keyboard!



Garry Orlin Bevier, Yamhill, OR, and brothers Tim & Don BeVier, OH, get down to family business, trading genealogy information and comparing notes. Tim in middle listens as Don and Garry talk. Don is pointing a particular piece of information out to Garry. Note pen in his left hand.

Reverend Doctor William A. BeVier & wife Jo Ann King BeVier, MN.



From near and far...

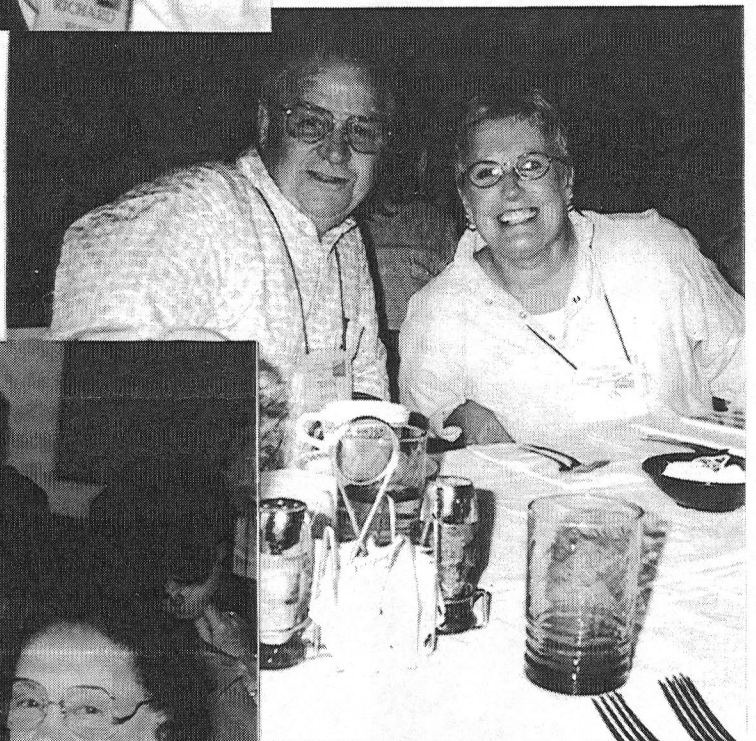
Dale A. BeVier, FL, & Alta Cecil Koch, West Terre Haute, IN.



Patricia H. "Pat" McGarvey Bevier & husband Richard C. "Dick" Bevier, Cordova, Tennessee.



John & Lynn Bevier, Michigan.



Pauline & Donald "Don" L. Hadden. Roxbury, New York.



Labour to keep alive in your Breast that Little Spark of Celestial fire Called Conscience.—George Washington, RULES OF CIVILITY & DECENT BEHAVIOUR IN COMPANY and CONVERSATION, 1747.

Official Proclamation:

MICHIGAN GOVERNOR TO BEVIERS

Editor's Note: The Honorable John Engler, Governor of Michigan, sent the following letter on the occasion of the first ever National Reunion of Bevier descendants, notably some 325 years after the first Bevier stepped ashore in 1675.



**STATE OF MICHIGAN
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
LANSING**

**JOHN ENGLER
GOVERNOR**

July 8, 2000

Dear Friends:

As Governor of the State of Michigan, it gives me great pleasure to send greetings to everyone gathered at Wamplers Lake in Brooklyn for the Bevier Family Reunion. I would especially like to welcome all those who have traveled from afar to attend this special event.

It is gratifying to see individuals in various parts of the United States reuniting to strengthen family ties. This special gathering is a shining example of the values that we, as Americans, hold dear—love that endures, friendship that grows, and family commitment that remains strong.

On this occasion, may you reflect upon the value of your family in a changing society, seize this unique opportunity to reaffirm relationships between relatives, and bring new family members together to help carry on your family traditions. Knowledge of your family's rich heritage will be invaluable to each of you, as well as to future generations.

On behalf of the citizens of the Great Lakes State, I send my best wishes for a very special and memorable occasion.

Sincerely,


**John Engler
Governor**



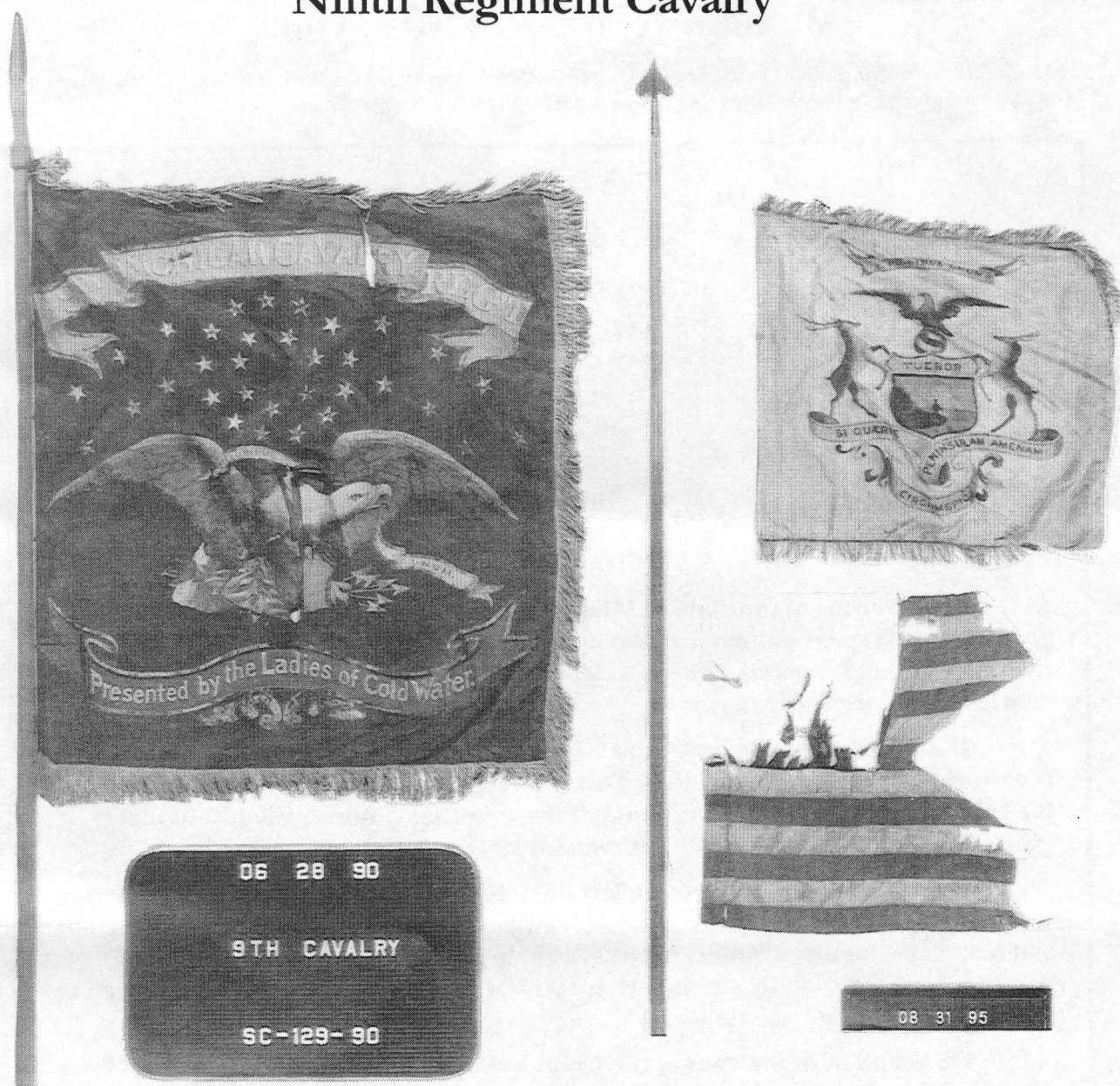
BUILDING ON THE MOMENTUM

A meeting at the Elk's Club prior to the Friday Night Mixer was at the urging of family genealogist **Dale A. BeVier** where about half of the 72 **Beviers** who gathered later in the evening for the dinner listened as he discussed changes within the Huguenot Historical Society (HHS) and the Bevier-Elting Family Association (BEFA). **Dale** is a past president of both and a current trustee of HHS. Another past president of BEFA, **Lou Witt**, Catonsville MD, was also present. Possible remedies mentioned included formation of a separate and distinct **Bevier** family group which would encompass newer and more direct programs for the **Bevier** family. An ad hoc exploratory committee was formed with **Kim Bevier**, Camden SC, graciously agreeing to be chairman.



I have always been a quarter of an hour before my time, and it has made a man of me.—Attributed to Admiral Lord Nelson (1758-1805)

Ninth Regiment Cavalry



*Editor's Note: The National **Bevier** Reunion was hosted by direct descendants of **Luther S. Bevier**. **Richard M. Bevier**, Lansing, Michigan, is a great-great-grandson of **Luther**, a blacksmith in the Ninth Michigan Cavalry during the Civil War who perished as a prisoner of war in Richmond, Virginia 28 November 1863. **Richard** has kindly placed in ours hands pictures of flags carried by the Ninth Michigan during that conflict including the regimental colors. Note the field of blue entirely shot out. **Richard** writes: Thank you for everything that you have done for the family and all the help that you have given to me. First thing, I hope that everybody that reads FAMILY MATTERS understands how much hard work that you do. It's a big job, and you do it so well. Well, you got me hooked on my family history and **Luther** so here goes. We talked during the family reunion about an idea that I had doing some research on the 9th Cavalry and how our family played a part. The first thing that I would like you to look at is the flags of the 9th and a cover sheet with the battle song, and a brief description of how the regiment started and what was said about the flags. Maybe some of the family would like to see the pictures. They were taken at the capital. That's where they can be seen. The cover sheet comes from MICHIGAN IN THE WAR, **Jno Robertson**, printed 1882. PS. Thank you again for your help. If you think any of the family would like to see more, I would be glad to send more!*

By Richard M. Bevier — 2000

Forward to battle for God and the right
Hurrah for the banner
Hurrah for the banner
Hurrah for our banner, the flag of the free

The 9th cavalry began its organization in the fall of 1862 at Coldwater, under the direction of **Colonel James I. David**, of Trenton, who had been quartermaster in the 1st Michigan cavalry. The regiment, with the exception of two companies incomplete, was mustered into the service of the United States on the 19th of May, 1863. Previous of leaving the State for the front, the ladies of Coldwater gave to the 9th a very neat and finely lettered silk standard, with the United States arms on one side, and on the other that of the State, with the inscription: "Presented by the Ladies of Coldwater."



*Enough lives have been sacrificed. We must extinguish our resentments if we expect harmony and union.—
Abraham Lincoln, to his Cabinet, 14 April 1865, a few hours before he was shot at Ford's Theater.*

“BE PREPARED.....This is the motto of the Boy Scouts”



The Three Cindys: (Left to Right) Cynthia Jo Bevier Seeley, Troy, MI (daughter of Robert Eugene Bevier), Cynthia Ellen Bevier Meredith, Horton, MI (daughter of Rev. Wm. A. Bevier), & Cindy Lou Bevier Trimner, Willard, OH (daughter of Frank Daniel Bevier, deceased). Cynthia Meredith, a registered nurse, came prepared. Read story below.

By Bruce E. Bevier — 2000

On the occasion of the National Bevier Reunion 2000 in Michigan, **Cynthia E. Bevier Meredith**, RN, arrived ready to administer first aid, if called upon. She carried a World War II air raid warden's helmet loaded down with supplies from bandages and tape to bandaides, aspirin, etc. from her grandfather **Charles Bevier** (1902-1985). He, **Charles**, being too old for military service, did his duty in other ways. He was an air-raid warden in Springfield, Missouri. He also taught first aid to his Boy Scouts. So **Cindy** was only doing what comes naturally. She came prepared. Oh, by the way, **Cindy** holds degrees in nursing and has taught in the College of Nursing, University of Michigan at Flint. She is the daughter of **Rev. Dr. William A. and JoAnn C. King Bevier**, Shoreview, Minnesota, and resides with her husband, **Randy**, and their family in Horton, Michigan, which is just down the road from the reunion site at Wapler's Lake, in the Irish Hills, near Brooklyn, Michigan.



From Mansfield (Ohio) News Journal

Free Gas for a year

Plymouth woman can leave pump with a smile

By Dan Kopp -- 11 August 2000

Submitted by Bob Heisler, Willard OH. Bob writes that Audrey Daron Bevier is the widow of Raymond James Bevier (1928-1981) of Plymouth, Ohio. Raymond is doubly descended from Louis, his great-great-grandparents, Samuel and Elizabeth Bevier, being first cousins. Their fathers, Andries and Abraham, respectively, were brothers, the sons of Louis the Patentee's grandson Samuel. Audrey's line of descent is: married Raymond James⁹, Harry F.⁸, David Higgins⁷, Andries (Andrew)⁶, Samuel⁵ m. Elizabeth⁵, Andries⁴ and Abraham⁴, Samuel³, Abraham², Louis¹.

WILLARD -- Audrey Bevier of Plymouth comes to Willard often to shop.

She also buys gas here.

She used to buy gas here, that is. For the next year, **Bevier**, 72, won't have to pay for her gas. That's because she won free gas -- up to \$1,500 worth -- in a Marathon promotion this summer.

She is the only "instant" winner in the country, according to **Herb Songer**, owner of Willard Marathon, where **Bevier** entered the contest. Other tickets had to be mailed to the company for other prizes.

"The attendant was watching me scratch off the silver backing," **Bevier** said. "I had two Marathon gas pumps (symbols) and when I scratched off another square at the bottom it said 'one year's free gas.'"

"He told me I won," she said. "I was pleasantly surprised."

Bevier said she won the ticket in the midst of spiraling gas prices.

"I fill up once a week," she said. "Gas was quite expensive."

Now, **Bevier** said, when she drives into Willard Marathon she can say: "Fill it up" and I won't have a problem."



Audrey Bevier (correct spelling per Bob) poses for NEWS JOURNAL photographer Daniel Melograna in photo accompanying article. Gas prices have continued rising since this article appeared so her timing couldn't have been better!

I have learned that success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles he has overcome while trying to succeed.—Booker T. Washington, in his autobiography, UP FROM SLAVERY, 1901

"I remember when..."

Editor: Louis BeVier, Jackson MI, recalls the history of his grandfather's desk, called a secretary, for FM readers. Louis donated this piece of family history to New Paltz a few years back. It appeared onstage in a dramatic reading of love letters -- the Lenette letters mentioned by Louis -- in a presentation at an annual October BEFA meeting. A picture of this desk, taken by Louis, is at right. Louis writes:

This is the only picture I could find but I know I have a couple of others.

Leslie LeFevre¹ in New Paltz knows where it is.

[The desk] was used last at the reading of the Lenette Letters which fit the time frame good.

My Grandma **Martha BeVier** married **William Elias BeVier** in 1872 in the Woodland [Michigan] area. Grandpa was 20 at the time. Great Grandpa **Samuel BeVier**, as mentioned in the **Newkirk** writing², died in December of 1870. When Grandpa **Sam** sold the log cabin in East Leroy, he bought the farm in Coats Grove, what year? I have no idea. Grandpa **Elias** inherited the farm and all the furnishings at 18 years old. It is now my contention that this secretary belonged to Grandpa **Sam** as he would have got it to keep records and mail. I believe firmly this was why Grandpa **Elias** was so fussy about what went on around it. When I was 4-years-old I used to keep my beginning reader in this desk or secretary as it was called then. Grandpa told me if I ever touched a pencil or made a mark on it, I would never be allowed to sit there again. It had to be his father's desk. When he took over the farm after Grandpa **Sam** died, he was 18-years-old and would not have had the funds to purchase this. Grandma told me that he got the secretary two years before they were married. The time fits to Grandpa **Sam's** passing.

My sister **Evelyn** finally gave what was left of the secretary to me so I brought the pieces home, went out in my workshop, had a few tears and then finished tearing it all apart.³ The back rail was all gone except for one finial and my memory of what it should be. The design on the front was completely gone except for one piece in the upper left. The marks for the rest of it were on the wood and I used these marks to make the rest of it. During the refinishing I turned over the bottom piece under the drawer and just about flipped my wig. My Aunt **Arlie Spindler** when she was a little girl had written:

Arlie BeVier

July 31, 1891

I left it as it was and sealed it with a light coat of tung oil. I don't think Grandpa **Elias** ever knew. So this places the secretary's age at over 130 years old? It is in one of the homes in New Paltz where it will be taken good care of and, **Anne**, you said you wanted to know about it so here it is.



¹Leslie LeFevre-Stratton is a curator at New Paltz.

²Dr. Garrett Newkirk's journal of the Bevier family appeared in Fall 1998 & Spring/Summer 1998 editions of FM.

³Louis BeVier is a retired finish carpenter.



From the Minnesota History Museum...

Reverend Dr. William A. BeVier in a brief search of records found **Amelia BeVier**, wife of **Charles Hasbrouck BeVier** (his dates 1858-1894). Her obituary was given in the **MINEAPOLIS JOURNAL**, 3 April 1933, page 2 with her dates as 1861-1933;

Albert C. BeVier, married to **Ruth Noyes Condit**. Resident of Hennepin County, Minnesota. **MINEAPOLIS STAR**, 19 September 1956, page 15A gives obituary, dates of 1890-1956. Son of **Charles H. & Amelia**;

James J. Bevier (lower case "v"). Hennepin County. Pvt. WWI. Killed in Action, D609. Book: **SOLDIERS OF THE GREAT WAR**, Vol. 2, page 115.



From Indiana:

Alta Cecil Koch Celebrates 90th Birthday

Alta Cecil Koch, West Terre Haute IN, celebrated her 90th birthday on Saturday, 21 October 2000. Daughters **Alice Hanson**, West Terre Haute IN, and **Lois Bee**, Scotland, hosted a birthday reception for their mother on Sunday, 22 October, from 1 to 3pm at the First Congregational Church in Terre Haute with all invited to share in the celebration. A week later **Alta** was at the annual **Bevier-Elting** Family Association (BEFA) meeting in New Paltz, New York and was surprised with a birthday cake from **Grace Elting Castle**, a BEFA officer, with everyone joining in to sing "happy birthday" to her. **Alta** does get around! In July she entertained **Bevier** descendants at the first-ever National **Bevier** Reunion which took place in Michigan, regaling them with stories and memories of her **Bevier** grandmother, **Sarah Elizabeth Gillett**. She displayed a beautiful lace shawl which had been her grandmother's and other special items. **Alta's** wit and wisdom are routinely featured in a column she writes for *The Historian*, the BEFA newsletter, entitled *Alta Says...*. She was a prolific contributor to the *Bevier Family Cookbook: Recipes from across the generations*, a compilation of recipes and stories from **Bevier** descendants to commemorate the National Reunion. This includes, appropriately, **Alta's Ten Commandments for Genealogists**. **Alta** is a published genealogist as well as an artist, a delightful multi-talented asset to any family! Her research on her immediate branch of the **Beviers** is among several genealogical books **Alta** has published and can be found in the Allen County Public Library at Fort Wayne, Indiana.



Alta

Photo by Lynda Bevier



Book Delivery

By Bruce E. BeVier--2000

EDITOR: Following the National Bevier Reunion, Bruce E. BeVier and wife Marion along with National Reunion Committee members Nancy Bevier Kohorst and daughter Clara Kohorst Napier presented a copy of Dale A. BeVier's recently published THE BEVIER FAMILY: ITS HISTORY AND GENEALOGY to the Library of Michigan on behalf of the host family, descendants of Luther S. and Rachel Hooper Bevier. Bruce shares the following account with FM readers.

Friday, 1 Sept. 2000—As you may know the Reunion Committee had a total of three of **Dale's** new books at the reunion. Two were auctioned off and one was set aside for placement in the Library of Michigan. That was done today. **Nancy Bevier Kohorst** and her daughter, **Clara Kohorst Napier**, went with **Marion** and I to the library and the deed was done. But not before I retrieved the first book written in 1916 by **Katherine Bevier** and compared it briefly with the latest one, which we were delivering. Obviously there was no comparison since **Katherine** "done" all her research by good old fashioned hard work, not that **Dale** didn't, but she had no computer help is my point.

Nancy, Clara and **Marion** had not seen **Katherine's** book before and I was able to impress them by walking directly to the section where it was located. Don't know what I would have done if it was out but I lucked out. I suspected this might get their attention and it did.

Thought you might be interested.

Indeed we are!— Editor. The book was presented "In loving memory of Luther S. and Rachel Bevier... to the Library of Michigan, Genealogy section, by the Bevier Family Reunion 2000, gathered at Wamplers Lake, Walter J. Hayes State Park, Onsted, Michigan, as a token of gratitude to their descendants who hosted this first ever gathering on a national scale. May it be used as a tool of family history learning for generations to come. July 8, 2000 As a beginning..."



If you try to fail, and succeed, which have you done?—George Carlin

In the Winner's Circle from Roxbury, New York:

Pauline Hadden's Rhubarb Cake

EDITOR: Thank you to all the **Bevier** descendants who sent in treasured recipes for the BEVIER FAMILY COOKBOOK on sale at the National **Bevier** Reunion. **Pauline Hadden** even hand delivered one at the reunion, too late for the cookbook but certainly one to enjoy and so we share it with you below. A very limited number of cookbooks remain available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Cost is \$10 plus \$3 to cover postage and padded envelope. For those of you lucky enough to have already bought your cookbook, there are three corrections which should be made: **Mom's Lemon Cake Pie** at page 4 calls for 4 tablespoons butter. This should read 4 tablespoons flour. **Dale Marie's Sweet Potato Bon-Bons** on page 44 lists 1 teaspoon cinnamon twice. Delete the second. **Gail's Scalloped Corn** at page 48 states 12 teaspoons salt instead of 1/2 teaspoon salt!

Pauline (Vermilyea) Hadden lives with her husband **Don** in Roxbury, New York. Here is their recipe:

5 cups rhubarb, cut up
1 cup sugar
1 small box strawberry Jell-o
1 white cake mix
3 cups mini marshmallows

SPREAD rhubarb over bottom of 9x13 pan. SPRINKLE jell-o and sugar over rhubarb. ADD 3 cups mini marshmallows.

MIX up cake mix according to directions. POUR over top.

BAKE for 1 hour in 350° oven

COOL WHIP may be put on top after it cool's a bit

Pauline's line of descent is: married **Donald Hadden⁹**, **Sarah Elizabeth Bevier⁸ Hadden**, **Nathan⁷**, **Simon C.⁶**, **Conrad⁵**, **Cornelius⁴**, **Johannes³**, **Abraham²**, **Louis¹**



Pauline & Don Hadden share the above photo. Seated in 1st row (L-R) are **David Bevier**, son of **Nathan**, holding **Mary Bevier's** son **Eugene**; **Mary Bevier**, daughter of **Nathan**; **Susan Brook Bevier**, wife of **Nathan Bevier**; **John Bevier**, son of **Nathan**, & **Nathan Bevier**, father b. 1846 & d. 12 Aug. 1913. Standing in second row (L-R) are **Frank Bevier**, son of **Nathan**; **Matilda Bevier**, daughter of **Nathan**; **Flora Bevier**, daughter of **Nathan**; **Effie Bevier**, another daughter, in front of **Matilda** & **Flora**; **Sarah Bevier**, daughter b. 23 June 1890 & d. 1970; and **Floyd Hadden**, **Sarah Bevier's** husband. **Sarah** & **Floyd** are **Donald Hadden's** parents.



A Letter from Pauline:

Pauline Hadden
11 Roosevelt Ave.
Koxbury, New York 12474

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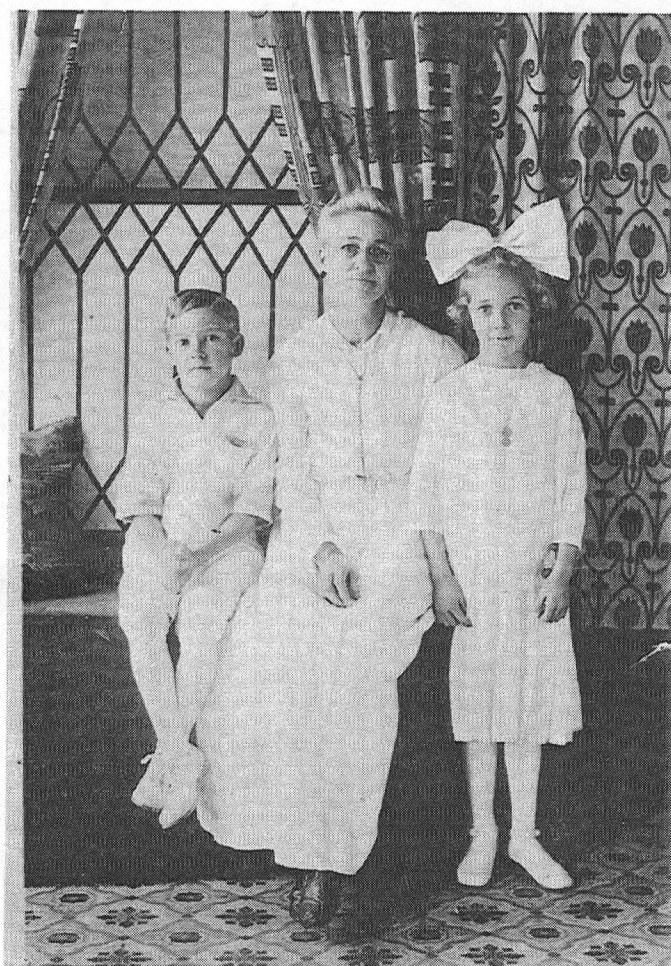
Dear Anne Bevier Goïn,

We are sending you a "picture" of Donald's "Bevier" family. Nathan Bevier was Don's grandfather - 7th generation from Louis Bevier b. 1647. Louis Bevier - Abraham - Johannes - Cornelius - Conrad - Simon - Nathan - Sarah - (Don's mother) - Donald^{sr} - Donald^{Jr} - Nicole. The picture you may keep. I have enclosed a card to identify each member. We enjoy reading your articles and "Family Matters". We appreciate your fine work very much. We had a wonderful time at Jackson, MI. We would like to thank everyone who worked to make Beviers in America a great success. Weather was ideal - location beautiful - food excellent. Don & I couldn't believe he had so many friendly, interesting cousins. We are still talking about the trip across Canada and the cornfields in Ohio and all those "Beviers".

Love,
Pauline & Don

There are certain places I can trace to the last detail with my eyes closed; places with so many memories gathered to them, that no matter how far away I may be, they remain...
—Angeline Goreau

From Michigan:



Clifford & Phyllis Bramer, Baldwin, Michigan, share this photo from 1918 of Clifford's grandmother, **Elizabeth Catherine (Lucas) Bevier** (b. 19 Sept. 1863, d. 25 Feb. 1952), & her two youngest children, **Adelbert William Bevier** (b. 1 April 1909, d. 27 Sept. 1989), his uncle, & **Mary Jane Bevier** (b. 25 March 1906, d. 23 Jan. 1990), his mother. **Elizabeth** married **Benjamin Franklin "Frank" Bevier**, youngest son of **Luther S. & Rachel (Hooper) Bevier**, in 1884.



From Oregon:



Garry Orlin Bevier, Yamhill, Oregon, shares picture at left. Standing, back row (L-R): **Roberta Bevier Maas**; **Jimmy Lee Bevier**; **Leo Bevier**; **Roger Bevier**; **Joan Bevier Herkamp**; & **Garry Orlin Bevier**. Standing in middle row (L-R): **Darlene Bevier Gilliespie**; **Marge Jones Bevier**; & **Bonita Bevier Balingier**. Seated in wheelchair is **Donald Bevier**. **Roberta**, **Roger**, **Darlene**, **Bonita** & **Donald** are the children of **Marge Jones Bevier** & the late **Irvin Bevier** (b. 12 March 1916, d. 26 Oct. 1987). **Garry**, **Jimmy** and **Joan** are brothers & sister. Their parents are the late **Orlin Ran** & **Janie Elliott Bevier**.



The best index to a person's character is (a) how he treats people who can't do him any good, and (b) how he treats people who can't fight back. — **Abigail Van Buren**, in her newspaper column, "Dear Abby," 16 May 1974



Love & Marriage

From Flat Rock, MI:

Edwin S. and Mary Louise (Royer) Bevier, marriage date unknown, in picture to left, possibly an engagement photo, circa 1880's? Partially obscured at bottom of photo is what appears to be "Marratt" and (in the original photo from which this copy was made) the notation "131 133 and 135 Woodward". This is presumed to be the name of the portrait studio where the photo was taken and the street address. Woodward Avenue is a main business artery in Detroit, Michigan even to this day. Photo is courtesy of their grandson John "Jack" Drouillard, Lakeland, FL, who also shares the picture below of his parents, Sophia Louise Bevier and John "Jack" F. Drouillard on their wedding day. Sophia is Edwin's & Mary's daughter. Edwin's father is Luther S. Bevier who died a prisoner of war during the Civil War. The descendants of Edwin's brother, Benjamin Franklin "Frank" Bevier, hosted the National Bevier Reunion this past summer.



Other Happenings:

Celebrating 44 years of marriage on 7 December 2000 are Donald James & Ruth (Turenen) Bevier, Memphis, Tennessee. Donald is another grandson of Edwin S. & Mary Louise (Royer) Bevier.

Clara (Kohorst) Napier and her spouse, Dale Napier, Haslet, MI, celebrated 35 years of marriage within days of the National Reunion on 10 July 2000. Clara is a great-granddaughter of Benjamin Franklin "Frank" Bevier, a great-great granddaughter of Luther S. Bevier, and the daughter of Nancy Bevier Kohorst, co-chair of the reunion committee. Clara also worked on the National Reunion.

Kim Edward & Susan (Silva) Bevier, Camden, SC, of the host family branch were married three years on 27 July 2000. Kim is a great-great grandson of Luther S. Bevier and a great-grandson of Benjamin Franklin "Frank" Bevier.

Rounding out the July anniversaries is your editor Anne Bevier Goin & her husband Frank Goin who celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary on 28 July 2000. Anne is a great-granddaughter to Edwin S. Bevier and a great-great granddaughter to Luther S. Bevier.



Making a Difference:

Triathlon Participant Nets Over \$3,000 for Charity

EDITOR: This story comes to FM at your editor's request. **Jennifer Alderman**, a Tennessee native, lives in Louisville, Kentucky. Her line of descent is: married **Robert Alderman**¹¹, **Anne Bevier**¹⁰ Goin, **Frank Gene**⁹, **Frank Edward**⁸, **Edwin S.**⁷, **Luther S.**⁶, **Jacobus**⁵, **Jacob I.**⁴, **Jacobus**³, **Samuel**², **Louis**¹



Jennifer (Casey) Alderman, center of photo with hand raised, swam in Lake Michigan as part of the Chicago Triathlon in August. Lake Michigan is in background.

By **Jennifer (Casey) Alderman** - 2000

How does this sound as a way to begin a Sunday morning: beginning at 7:30 a.m., swim .9 miles in chilly Lake Michigan, then ride a bike 25 miles down Lake Shore Drive, and finish it all up with a 6.2 mile run along Chicago's lake front. Doesn't quite sound as ideal as a fresh cup of coffee and a donut, but for one Louisville relative, the morning described above was perfect.

On 27 August 2000, **Jennifer Alderman** competed in the **Mrs. T's Triathlon** in Chicago, Illinois. **Jennifer**, who is the wife of **Robert Alderman**, trained for four months with a program called Team in Training to prepare for the triathlon. Team in Training is a program sponsored by the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of America. LLSA provides professional training for athletes for competition in marathons, triathlons, and century bike rides in exchange for the athletes raising funds for the LLSA. The LLSA is widely recognized as one of the few charity organizations that keep expenses below 25 percent. Last year, 82 cents of every dollar raised by the Kentucky Chapter went directly to the cause.

As a member of the Kentucky chapter of Team in Training, **Jennifer** was asked to raise \$2,800 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Thanks in great part to the generosity of family and friends, **Jennifer** raised over \$3,000 for LLSA. In addition to successfully meeting her fundraising goal, **Jennifer** also completed the physical challenge as well. Competing against over 5,000 other tri-athletes in what is referred to as the world's largest triathlon, **Jennifer** finished with a time of 3:18:47.



In photo at left, **Jennifer** has just completed first part of triathlon, the .9 miles swim in Lake Michigan.



Biking for Charity. In photo directly above, **Jennifer** dashes to bike for that part of the meet.



Photo credits: Ellyn Casey, Montgomery, Alabama.

Local man arrested for Elder-Beerman robbery

*Editor's Note: Principal **Patrick Bevier** figures prominently in this story which **Bruce E. BeVier**, Fowlerville MI passes along from the LIVINGSTON COUNTY DAILY PRESS & ARGUS. This is a recent story believed to be sometime in early September 2000.*

By Jim Totten and Jennifer Hrynik

The 18-year-old Howell man who tried to steal \$200 worth of clothing from the new Elder-Beerman department store and threatened an employee with a knife was arrested Friday morning at a friend's home and expected to be arraigned in district court.

Police spent several hours searching for the teenager Wednesday afternoon, leading to the closing of Latson Road Elementary to outsiders for the afternoon.

The situation piqued the attention of school officials who are focusing on keeping their students safe as the commercial growth around Latson Road Elementary marches forward.

Principal **Patrick Bevier** said he closed the elementary school to any incoming visitors for about three hours after getting a call from the county 911 office about the search and receiving a description of the suspect.

"We didn't go to a full lock-down, but we did what I called at the time a lock-up," **Bevier** said. "Essentially what we did is make sure all the students were in the building and were safe in their classrooms. We made sure all the exterior doors were locked...and walked around the building."

Bevier said the school dismissed as usual after getting an okay from police. Teachers did go outside to escort children out of the building and staff continued to patrol the area, he said.

A letter went to parents explaining the situation and teachers read prepared statements to students about what happened the next morning, **Bevier** said.

Latson Road Elementary, which opened in 1979, is no longer surrounded by a rural environment. The last year has brought Meijer, Lowe's, Home Depot and Elder-Beerman to the area.

Increased incidents of vandalism and theft at the school has occurred along with the growth, **Bevier** said.

A safety team, comprised of parents and school officials, will be meeting next week. **Bevier** said the district has taken a pro-active approach to safety.

"We have growing concerns about the proximity of the school to the growing commercial development," **Bevier** said.

"I am convinced that we need to do more with regard to securing our building for our entire school family. ...There's no question that I have greater concerns than I did 12 months ago when we had a dirt road with open fields across the street. Now we face 25,000 additional cars a day that were never here before."

Det. Tom Cremonte said police apprehended the suspect around 10 a.m. Friday at a home on Hughes Road.

The suspect fled the store as employees chased him just before noon Wednesday, which was the department store's official grand opening day.

Cremonte said Elder-Beerman loss prevention employees observed the suspect taking three shirts and a pair of pants and then walking out of the store.

A short chase began and the suspect ended up dropping the items along the way.

One employee followed the suspect outside to the parking lot but backed off when the Howell man pulled a knife.

The suspect fled into a subdivision just north of the store.

State troopers and the Livingston County Sheriff's Department searched the area for two hours but didn't find the suspect.

Cremonte said an investigation revealed the suspect obtained a ride home from a passerby who didn't know the suspect had just tried to rob the store.

Bevier said the situation just reinforced his faith in the staff at Latson Road Elementary.

"It was kind of scary, but fortunately it turned out to not be anything that got worse," he said.

"If anything, it proved to me that we have a great staff here. One of our parents put Lifesavers in everyone's mailboxes because she was grateful for how they handled the situation."



From the National Park Service:

Prisoner Database Yields Civil War Bevier Gravesite

A database maintained by the National Park Service at Andersonville, Georgia, site of the infamous Civil War prison camp, lists **Corporal Orlin Bevier** of Company B of the 112th Illinois Infantry as among the Union prisoners who died at Andersonville and are buried there. **Corporal Bevier** is buried at the present day National Historic Site in grave no. 6519. Date of death is given as 22 August 1864. Today the Andersonville National Historic Site memorializes American prisoners of war from all American Wars.



I am a soldier. It is my duty to obey orders. It is enough to turn one's hair grey to spend one day in Congress. The members are patriotic and earnest, but they will neither take the responsibility of action nor will they clothe me with the authority to act for them.—Gen. Robert E. Lee, cited in John B Gordon, REMINISCENCES OF THE CIVIL WAR, 1903

J. D. Bevier, U.S. Indian Inspector

Editor: Dr. J. D. Bevier, Esq., was an Indian Agent. He was referred to as both "Dr." and "Esq." in REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSION APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE THE AFFAIRS OF THE RED CLOUD INDIAN AGENCY, JULY 1875; TOGETHER WITH THE TESTIMONY AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS published by the U. S. Government Printing Office in 1875. Known only by his initials "J.D." in the 930 pages comprising this book, this Bevier was sent to investigate alleged fraud and irregularities unearthed by one Samuel Walker. He returned to his home in Grand Rapids, Michigan by way of Washington D. C. after completion of his part of the 1874 investigation. All spelling, grammar and punctuation are as in the original text.

INSPECTOR BEVIER'S REPORT *Commissioner Smith to Inspector Bevier.*

March 10, 1874

SIR: I send inclosed herewith copies of report and documents made by one **Samuel Walker**, who appears to have been deputed by the Board of Commissioners to make inquiries into reported irregularities at Red Cloud and Spotted Tail agencies.

I desire you to make full investigation as to matters treated of in these papers.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

EDW. P. SMITH
Commissioner.

J. D. BEVIER, Esq.,
*United States Indian Inspector, Red Cloud agency,
(via Cheyenne, Wyoming.)*

THE REPORT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 23, 1874.

SIR: I have the honor herewith to submit report of my visit and inspection of the Red Cloud agency, in charge of **J. J. Saville**, United States Indian agent.

I arrived in Cheyenne on the 18th of September, and remained there five days, waiting the return of the commission, who were duly expected in from the Whetstone agency, that I might see them, learn the result of their mission, and return with their conveyance to those agencies.

They returned on the 22nd, and by this time another opportunity presented itself to go to Red Cloud via Sidney. This I preferred, as it gave me an opportunity to go over the road from Sidney to Red Cloud, and thus enable me to judge of the comparative merits of the two routes, viz, from Sidney, and from Cheyenne to Red Cloud and Whetstone agencies. Moreover, it gave me an opportunity to take the herd on my way, and see it.

While at Cheyenne, my attention was called to the flour *en route* to Red Cloud. I found ten car-loads had been received and forwarded to the agency. **Mr. Palmer**, storekeeper at Cheyenne, informed me that at the time the flour arrived there was no inspector to examine it, and, as the agent was in need of it, he had forwarded it on to the agency, keeping samples of each car-load. Those samples he showed me, which we compared with the contract-sample, and thought they all came up to the standard. Of the last or tenth car-load, **Mr. Palmer** showed me a sample which compared favorably with all the rest as well as the contract-sample; but of said tenth car-load twenty-three sacks remained behind accidentally. At this time **Colonel Long** was appointed inspector. He examined those twenty-three sacks, and condemned them.

I examined those twenty-three sacks, and found the quality inferior not only to the contract sample, but inferior to the sample which **Mr. Palmer** gave me as the sample of the whole of that car-load. I regarded **Colonel Long's** action in condemning it as proper, as the quality was greatly inferior; but as those twenty-three sacks remained in Cheyenne simply for want of transportation, the last wagon being loaded to its full capacity, I could not but regard those twenty-three sacks as a fair representation of the whole car-load. I cannot account for the discrepancy in quality between the twenty-three sacks and the sample retained by Store-keeper **Palmer**.

To pursue this flour question to the end: I found another discrepancy which I cannot explain. The ten samples of the ten car-loads kept by Store-keeper **Palmer** at Cheyenne were all full up, in my judgment, to the standard, while flour at the agency was mainly inferior. In company with **Mr. Roberts**, the clerk, and **Mr. Roland**, watchman and chief herder, both agency employes, we examined and compared the flour in the warehouse with the contract sample, and found four out of five inferior. Query: Did the flour deteriorate in going from Cheyenne to the agency? So much for quality.

Mr. Roberts, the clerk before mentioned, says that, upon handling the flour, his attention was attracted to certain sacks, which looked small and felt light, and, in consequence of their suspicious appearance, he was induced to weigh them, when he found some weighed 77 pounds, some 84, some 94, and others 98.

I weighed half a dozen or more sacks, one of each different brand, and they all weighed 98. **Mr. Roberts** felt it unnecessary to pursue our weighing any further, as he was quite confident he had issued all light sacks. What proportion were light he had no idea. All receipted for as full weight. Since my arrival in this city, I learn by letter that "five more car-loads have arrived in Cheyenne, and placed in **Mr.**



French's warehouse, and some of each car weighed, the average being 88 pounds to the sack."

On the 23rd of September I returned to Sidney, and on the morning of the 24th started from Sidney to Red Cloud. On the evening of that day crossed the North Platte at Chimney Rock. The next morning passed through the herd of 10,000 head, spread over a surface of fifteen miles square. The next night arrived at Red Cloud; time, two days; distance, 120 miles. In this connection, it is but fair to say that the herd, spoken of as the best ever brought into the State of Nebraska, I found, as far as I could judge, as good as could be, nearly uniform in size, steers said to be from four to eight years of age, all in good condition. There were a few cows, but as they are sold by weight, and always preferred by the Indians, I know of no objection to them.

THE ROAD

from Sidney to Red Cloud is from forty to fifty miles less, and to Whetstone from seventy-five to eighty miles less. The distances are as follows: From Cheyenne via Fort Laramie, to Red Cloud, one hundred and seventy miles; via Old Red Cloud one hundred and sixty; from thence to Whetstone, forty more. From Sidney to Red Cloud and Whetstone you would continue the same road to Niobrara, one hundred miles. There they would diverge, the one to Red Cloud twenty miles; the other to Whetstone, twenty-five miles. Thus it will be seen that the distance to Red Cloud is one-quarter less, and to Whetstone more than one-third less, and less than half as far as from Fort Randall. Besides this saving of land-carriage, there is a saving of over one hundred miles by rail. The country from Sidney is quite level with more water, grass, and fuel, although timber is scarce on all the roads; and, so far as I can judge, there is less sand than from Cheyenne via Old Red Cloud, the road usually traveled by freighters. There is every facility for building a store-house at Sidney of sufficient capacity for both agencies, where one store-keeper would suffice.

I would respectfully recommend that the road receive due consideration, as it would prove a great saving in distance and expense. The only drawback is the crossing the North Platte. Yet the herders at this point, Chimney Rock, and those familiar with it, claim that the crossing there is as good as at the old Red Cloud crossing.

On my arrival at the agency, the first thing that attracted my attention, after examining into the flour, was the **Appleton** contract. I found no contract actually entered into, but the basis for one clearly defined. **Mr. Appleton** had submitted his proposition to Agent **Saville**, which the agent had forwarded to your Office, asking your permission to make a contract upon the terms therein contained, and recommending the same to your honor for approval, representing it as the best and most economical arrangement for the Government.

The terms of **Mr. Appleton** were: For sawing lumber, Agent **Saville** furnishing mill, logs, and engineer, \$14 per thousand, while the customary price under such circumstances is from \$3 to \$4; for cutting and laying shingles, the agent furnishing logs, mill, cut-off saw, shingle machine, and engineer, \$10 per thousand, while it was worth from \$2 to \$3; for building slaughter-house alone, \$450, while both slaughter-house and slaughter-pen is sublet for \$180. For other items and a more full account of this transaction, please see my letter accompanying the **Appleton** contract.

The private manner in which this contract was let, the relationship of the parties¹, the exorbitant prices, the pains taken to exclude all competition, the looks, manners and prevarication of the parties, developed during the investigation, left me no room to doubt the nature and character of the transaction. On my return to Cheyenne, **Mr. McCann** informed me that he had the opportunity to make those purchases of a party near Cheyenne, but, thinking the price high, he had left it open, hoping to make the purchase upon better terms elsewhere. Finding himself unable to do so, he had concluded to take them. It would seem to be time enough to say they were purchased when they really were; to describe their quality when seen; to state the price when ascertained; and to make, date, sign the vouchers when the property was received.

I next pass to the purchase of oxen, cows, wagons &c., for the use of the Indians. In Agent **Saville's** letter-book I found a letter written to the honorable Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated August 24, 1874, in which he says: "In accordance with your letter of approval of June 16, 1874, of my requisition of April 1, 1874, I have purchased of **D. J. McCann** twenty yoke of American oxen, four and five years old, at \$150 per yoke, and twenty good Durham cows at \$60 per head, and one Durham bull at \$100. As this is to be the basis of a stock cattle to be raised by the Indians, I have thought it advisable to get the best grade of cattle in the market which was not classed as fancy stock. I have purchased these after careful inquiry as to the price of this class of stock in Nebraska, Iowa, and Missouri, and I believe I have got them as low a price as they could be delivered at this agency. I have purchased them in open market, without advertising for proposals, for the reason that it was very desirable to get them to the agency in time to get in hay, and break some land for spring crops before too late in the season to do so. Also, several families are anxious to have houses. I wish to set them to hauling logs for their houses, in order to build them before cold weather sets in. In my action in this case I request your approval."

Upon reading this letter I remarked, "I see you have been buying some stock for the Indians. Where are they?" He answered, "No, that letter I put forth as a feeler. They are not yet purchased." I also called his attention to a letter written by **F. H. Smith**, secretary of the Board of Indian Commissioners, dated September 5, 1874, in which he reiterates, "I have the honor respectfully to acknowledge the receipt of your circular of April 10, 1874, &c. I have purchased twenty yoke of oxen, twenty cows, ten

¹ *Saville was the son-in-law of Appleton.*



wagons, and six breaking-plows for those who have undertaken to work this season," &c. I expressed my surprise, saying, "You have minutely described this stock, their ages, blood, quality, and price, and I certainly supposed you had purchased them." He replied, "McCann supposed he could purchase them of a party in Cheyenne, but come to find out he could not." I inquired if he had not issued the vouchers for those cattle. he said, "Yes." I asked him where they were. He answered he had them and then, he showed them to me. Inclosed is a copy. They are dated August 20, 1874, for \$6,247, and says "that the account is correct and just; the stock actually purchased were actually necessary for the public service, and the price as low as could be procured."

The Indians provided for at this agency, as estimated by Agent Saville, are —

Ogallallas proper.....	7,000
Minneconjoux, San Arcs, and Unepapas.....	1,600
Northern Cheyennes.....	2,000
Northern Arapahoes.....	1,000
Total.....	11,500

The Cheyennes and Arapahoes, by act of Congress last winter, cannot be fed or draw annuities unless they move south to the Indian Territory. They do not want to go. They say their people there are at war with the Government, and this is their old home. They are willing to consolidate with the Sioux, and the Sioux are willing to have them do so. Can it not be done?

OVERISSUE OF BEEF

Beef is being issued, and has been for over three months past, in larger quantities than usual per head. Besides the overissue *per capita*, there is a larger number than was estimated for, rendering a deficiency certain, unless some measures are taken to arrest it.

CONSOLIDATION

The commission who recently visited this and the Whetstone agency have returned, and I understand will recommend the consolidation of the two. Most of the members of that commission have consulted me in regard to it, and asked my co-operation. These agencies are within forty miles of each other, both in the State of Nebraska, and outside of their reservation. This reservation is large and comparatively valueless. Grazing, to some extent, may be carried on, but agricultural pursuits of any other kind are out of the question. I look upon both of these agencies as poor-houses for the feeding of pauper Indians, and as having no permanency in their present location. Besides, being in the State of Nebraska, no such population, either white or Indian, can ever be self-sustaining there. They all belong to the same family, and so near each other as to be in daily and hourly communication. Everything that occurs at one agency is immediately known at the other. Every little inequality or difference of management at the one is immediately discussed at the other, giving rise to more or less dissatisfaction. To-day Red Cloud Indians are getting more beef than Whetstone, and a greater inequality will be seen when the annuities are distributed, when Whetstone will get the larger share. Under one intelligent head these sources of irritation would cease to exist, and uniformity of administration secured.

On the score of economy there would be considerable gain. The old buildings at Whetstone, now in process of moving, are very poor, and would barely answer the purposes of a subagency temporarily, while new and permanent buildings for a new and permanent agency would cost a large sum of money. One store-house at Sidney, with one store-keeper, would take the place of the two now in use, viz, at Randall and Cheyenne, together with their two sets of employés, and a saving of distance by land and rail of perhaps one hundred and sixty miles.

Believing this project has its merits, I would respectfully commend it to your favorable consideration.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. D. BEVIER,
United States Indian Inspector.

Hon. E. P. SMITH,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washing D. C.



The Cheyennes and Arapahoes, by Act of Congress last winter, cannot be fed or draw annuities unless they move south to the Indian Territory. They do not want to go.



(J. D. Bevier testifies in Washington, D.C. next issue.)

From the Lexington Herald-Leader:

Students, archaeologists hope to save aging cemetery

EDITOR: You never know where a **Bevier** connection might turn up. The story below, as an example, about a neglected historical cemetery in the 3 March 1997 edition of the above Kentucky newspaper, mentions **Reverend J. C. Gilliam**. **Reverend Gilliam** was married to **Caroline A. "Carrie" Bevier** in 1854 in Logan County, Kentucky, the couple and their daughter **Addie** later moving to Perryville in Boyle County, Kentucky where all three are buried. Thanks to **Frank Goin** for passing this along.

By Dick Burdette—2000

PERRYVILLE—Oct. 8, 1862: When Louisiana surgeon **Karl Langenbecker** died after the largest Civil War battle on Kentucky soil, he was buried in what is now Hillcrest Cemetery, in the shadow of what then was the little Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Had he served in the Union army, that probably would not have been the case. Like most Union soldiers to fall that day, his remains likely would have been transferred to Camp Nelson, in Garrard County, and his final resting place duly recorded.

But because **Langenbecker** died so far from family and friends, any hint of the location of the final resting place, like his grave's makeshift wooden marker, has been lost forever.

That's not the case for the **Rev. J. C. Gilliam**.

When he died in 1906, **Gilliam**, the last pastor of the old frame church, was buried at the exact site of the pulpit where he preached.

The marker still stands, although a visitor has no way of knowing the significance of its location.

Unfortunately, **Langenbecker's** story is far more typical than **Gilliam's**, and no one is more aware of that than **Clayton Martin**, chairman of the cemetery's board of directors.

Not only is the early 19th-century church — its origins date back to perhaps 1812 — long gone, so are about 90 percent of the headstones that once surrounded it. Of those that remain, most are cracked, broken, stacked atop one another or rendered all but illegible by time, weather and tombstone rubbing.

Too little money — it's a private cemetery and therefore not eligible to receive public funds — and too much time have erased much of the story of the oldest corner of the sprawling 15-acre cemetery.

But now, although it's too late to restore what has been lost, there's growing effort to preserve what remains.

And it began, says state **Sen. Tom Buford**¹, with a group of fourth- and fifth-grade pupils at Perryville Elementary School.

Two summers ago, when teachers **Shelia Blandford** and **Marilyn Holderman** and teaching assistant **Shelia Brummett** were conducting a class on persuasive writing, they read a newspaper column about the crumbling and fallen-down headstones.

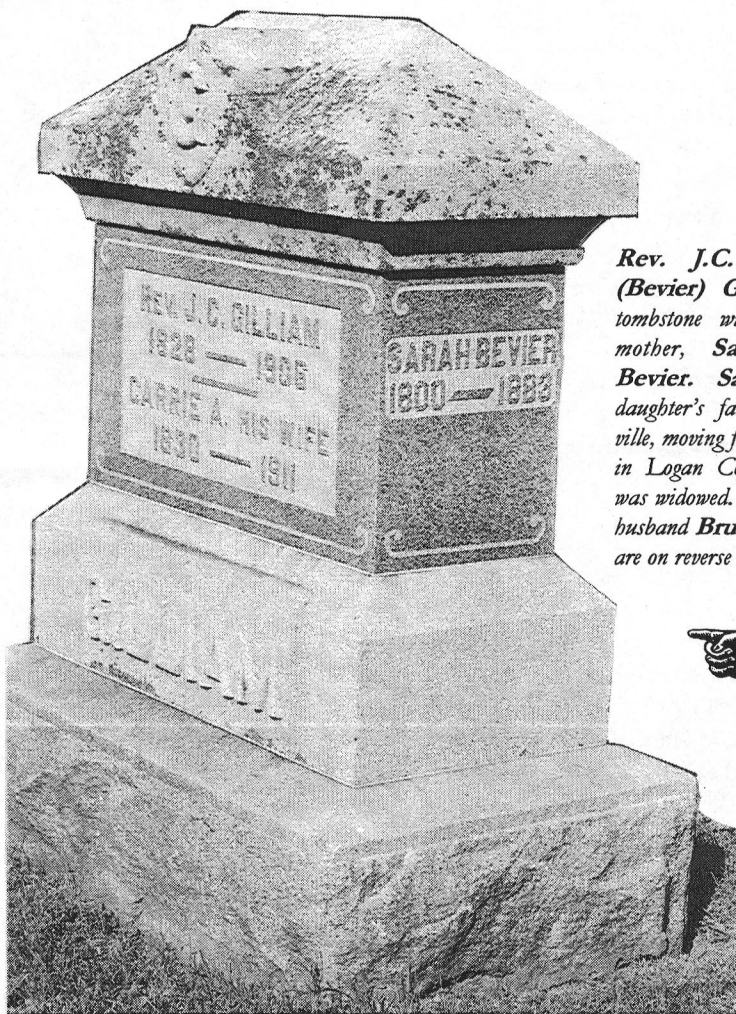
Their pupils wrote to **Buford**, R-Nicholasville, urging him to get involved.

Buford did. In addition to seeking state funding for the restoration, he and **Martin** contacted University of Kentucky archaeologist **Berle Clay** and University of Louisville archaeologist **Philip DiBlasi**.

With them came something called an earth conductivity meter.

It can't determine who is buried in which grave or which stacked-up headstone goes with which grave, of course. But through radio signals, it can locate below ground indentations, the likely locations of graves.

The other morning, **Clay** and **DiBlasi** demonstrated how it all worked — and allowed some of the pupils to guide the device along a search path marked by a yellow rope.



Rev. J.C. & Carrie (Bevier) Gilliam share a tombstone with **Carrie's** mother, **Sarah Scott Bevier**. **Sarah** joined her daughter's family in Perryville, moving from Russellville in Logan County after she was widowed. **Addie** & her husband **Bruce Edwards** are on reverse side of stone.

¹ **Sen. Buford** is related to Civil War General **John Buford**, a Kentucky-born, Union cavalryman who played a key role in the opening of the battle of Gettysburg.

With modern technology and the underground maps it provides, **Clay** and **DiBlasi** are confirming what oral history has long insisted:

There are thousands of unmarked graves in the oldest corner of Hillcrest.

In addition to charting the locations of unmarked graves, **Clay** and **DiBlasi** have offered suggestions as to what could, if not should, be done to preserve what remains.

Among them:

- Map and record the location of in-place headstones and known graves so that information will not be lost to future generations.

- Create walking tours with signs recounting points of interest as well as general information.

- Post rules.

“One of the worst things people can do is headstone rubbings,” **DiBlasi** said. “The right way is through photography.”

Also needed: sealing and stabilizing the old markers and reconstructing those that have fallen apart — and in some cases, finding missing, perhaps buried, pieces.

Often, **DiBlasi** said, it's not vandals, but the well-meaning, who do the most damage to cemetery history.

“A group comes in to do a cleanup and the first thing they do is pick up all the headstones and pile them up. They intend to go back and put them back in place later on, but then don't get around to it,” he said.

All the work, of course, will take money. And in January, **Buford** says, he will ask the 1998 General Assembly for \$50,000.

The money, he said, would be used to hire preservation experts such as **Clay** and **DiBlasi** to direct the restoration effort.

Volunteer student labor, he said, already has been offered by the University of Kentucky and by Centre College.



Sad Farewells From Then & Now :

Edward Bevier

*Submitted by **Bruce E. BeVier**, Fowlerville, MI from the ANN ARBOR NEWS in Michigan.*

Edward Bevier, beloved husband, father, educator and longtime resident of Augusta Township, passed away Tuesday morning, October 24th, 2000. Born in Ann Arbor on June 13, 1909, **Edward** was the seventh of twelve children born to **Grover Cleveland Bevier** and **Mary Abbey Anderson-Bevier**. After graduation from Lincoln High School **Edward** became a licensed airplane pilot while attending Eastern Michigan University. His studies were interrupted by World War II with four and one half years of active duty with the United States Army Air Corps, 9th Air Force, 91st Troop Carrier Squadron, during which he received numerous citations for aerial combat duty in Europe. Before his transfer to Europe, **Edward** married his high school sweetheart, **Marion Louise Lemke-Bevier**, on December 23, 1943. At war's end, he returned to college and completed his BS degree, began teaching industrial arts at Milan High School, and with his wife, **Marion**, started a family. He helped form the Whittaker Volunteer Fire Department, served as Augusta Township building inspector, was a licensed amateur radio operator and in later years, owned and operated a horticulture business. His wisdom, understanding and love will be missed by all who knew him. **Edward** is survived by his wife of 57 years, **Marion Louise Lemke-Bevier**, daughter of **Carl Lemke** and **Inez Fowler**; five children: **Kim Edward** (Susan Silva) **Bevier** of Camden, SC, **Linda K. Bevier-Battani** (Michael), Pfafftown, NC, **Judy Lynn Bevier-Cooper** (David), Richmond, VA, **Marilyn Leigh Bevier**, Columbia, SC, and **Scott Edward Bevier**, Richmond, VA; six grandchildren: **Steven Bevier**, **Diana Bevier-Gettys**, **Cheri Dapprich-Dickinson**, **Jennifer Dapprich-Wheeler**, **Caron Cooper**, and **Jason Bevier**; and one great grandchild: **Hunter Wheeler**. **Edward** also has four surviving brothers: **Frank**, **Woodrow**, **George** and **Leroy**. An open house will be held at the family residence near Whittaker on Saturday, October 28th, 12 to 4p.m. Arrangements: Janowiak Funeral Home, Geer-Logan Chapel.



William J. BeVier

*Submitted by **Bob Heisler**, Willard OH from unnamed Ohio Newspaper.*

William J. BeVier was born in Binghamton, Broome county, N. Y., December 7, 1820, and departed this life March 28, 1914, aged 93 years, 3 months and 21 days.

He was the third of fourteen children, twelve of whom grew to manhood and womanhood.

In 1835, he with his father's family, came to Ohio, where he spent the remainder of his long and useful life.

At the death of his father, deceased took the responsibilities of the family upon his shoulders, and tried to fill his father's place.



When yet a young man he united with the Congregational church in Plymouth, and remained a faithful Christian to the close of life.

He leaves to mourn his loss one brother, **James BeVier**, and one sister, **Cornelia BeVier**, besides a large number of relatives and friends.

He lived a long and useful life, and has left this life to enjoy an eternity of happiness.

His funeral was held Monday afternoon at his home, conducted by **Rev. R. H. Balmer**, interment being made in Pioneer cemetery.

SANDUSKY HOME



Mary Boehler Bevier

Submitted by Bob Heisler, Willard OH from unknown Ohio newspaper.

Mother And an Infant Son are Carried Away On Christmas Eve.

Mrs. Joseph Bevier, a devoted mother and wife, a lover of home and those near and dear to her, died Christmas eve, at the family home on Castalia street.

Two weeks ago a bright little son was born to **Mr. and Mrs. Bevier**, and shortly afterward the mother was attacked with acute typhoid fever, that resulted in death. The child survived its mother for a few hours dying Saturday night. Mother and babe were born to the tomb in the same casket. The funeral services were held from the Catholic church Sunday afternoon, **Rev. Father J. A. Meichenfelder** officiating, and were attended by a large concourse of relatives and friends of the deceased.

Mary Boehler was a daughter of **Joseph and Julia Boehler**, and was born in Bellevue, June 1, 1878, and died Thursday, December 24, 1903, aged 25 years, six months and 23 days.

In Bellevue she grew to womanhood, and received an education in the parochial and city schools. Six years ago she was united in marriage to **Joseph Bevier**, and to their union three children were born, two of whom, **Julia**, aged five, and **Joseph**, aged three, survive their mother.

Thirteen years ago the father of the deceased died, and her mother since that time made her home with her daughter. The deceased is also survived by two brothers, **Henry Boehler**, of this city, and **Charles Boehler**, of Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. Bevier was a most devoted mother and her every thought was of her home and loved ones. She was most highly esteemed and her untimely death is deeply deplored. The bereaved husband, heavily afflicted with heart disease, has the sympathy of the entire community in his hour of great sorrow.

Among those from out of town in attendance at the funeral were: **Mrs. D. H. Bevier, Grover, David, Frank and Miss Bessie Bevier**, of Plymouth; **Abe Bevier**, of Clyde; **Henry Henkle**, of Norwalk; **Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Busam**, of Tiffin, and **Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hohler and Gust Bergamyer**, of Sandusky.



JOSEPH E. BEVIER

Also from Bob Heisler, Willard OH from unidentified Ohio newspaper.

Brief Sketch of the Life of a Popular Young Man Who Died Tuesday.

Joseph E. Bevier was a son of **David and Catherine Bevier**, and was born in Plymouth, December 28, 1875, and died in Bellevue, Tuesday, February 2, 1904, aged 28 years, one month and four days.

Eight years ago **Mr. Bevier** came to Bellevue, and for several years he was employed by **P. L. Webster** as a barber. Two years ago he purchased the interest of **H. J. Richter** in the barbering business of **Grant & Richter**, and by close attention to business and pleasant manners attracted a large patronage to the shop. Six years ago he was united in marriage to **Miss Mary Boehler**, who died December 24th last, and whose death was followed the next day by the decease of an infant son. Two children, one son, **Joseph**, aged 3 years, and one daughter, **Julia**, aged 5 years, survive, and mourn the loss of kind indulgent parents.

Mr. Bevier's father died several years ago, but he is survived by his mother, seven brothers and one sister, as follows: **Harry and Adelbert, Miro, Mich.; Abe**, of Clyde, and **George, David, Beth, Grover and Frank**, of Plymouth.

The cause of death was given as organic heart trouble aggravated by grief over the loss of a loving helpmeet. A short time before his death **Mr. Bevier** was baptized in the Lutheran church, and died secure in the hope of the life beyond the tomb. The funeral will take place from the house this afternoon at 2:00, conducted by **Rev. W. H. Lehmann**. The Independent Order of Foresters, of which the deceased was a member, will attend in a body.



MRS. BEVIER, OF SHELBY, KILLED BY FAST TRAIN

Aged Woman Walks Directly Into Path of Big Four Passenger

ACCIDENT OCCURS AT CROSSING IN SHELBY

Instant Death Results As Lady Is Hurled through Air 200 Feet

This final obituary from Ohio is also from Bob Heisler of Willard, OH. Bob identifies Mrs. Bevier as Mary "Jennie" Wilson Bevier, the wife of Roeliff Caleb Bevier. She died 17 August 1928. Again, newspaper is unknown.

Mrs. R. C. Bevier, 69-year old Shelby woman, was instantly killed last night at 8:30 o'clock when she walked in front of a Big Four passenger train at the West Main street crossing at Shelby.

Mrs. Bevier was walking to town unescorted when the fatal accident occurred. She apparently failed to see or hear the fast-traveling train and walked directly in its path.

The train was coming with such speed that it hurled her body 200 feet through the air. Death was instantaneous.

No one was near the crossing at the time of the accident but several saw the mishap from a distance. The woman's body was picked up between the rails in a mangled and bruised condition.

Walking Alone

Mrs. Bevier was in the habit of taking a daily walk from her home at 147 West Main street to town. Usually some one escorted her but last night she walked alone.

The Big Four crossing on Shelby West Main street formerly had gates which were lowered from a tower but recently warning signals in the form of flashes and bells replaced the gates.

It is thought that Mrs. Bevier became accustomed to the gates and consequently, paid no heed to the warning flashes.

After striking the woman, the train proceeded westward, the crew not knowing of the accident until the facts were wired to them.

The body was taken in the Barkdull ambulance to the Barkdull funeral home where it was prepared for burial. The body may be viewed there from 7 to 9 o'clock Sunday morning.

Funeral Plans

The funeral will be held from the Barkdull home Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. Bruce Young of the First Lutheran church will officiate.

Mrs. Bevier is survived by her husband, four sons, Warren, Ralph, William and Chester; two daughters, Mrs. G. Morrow and Mrs. Bell McPherson; a brother, Robert Wilson, of Lorain, and ten grandchildren.

From Maxon Cemetery:



SOLVING REBECCA BEVIER

Rebecca Bevier died 22 September 1852, aged 67 years, according to her tombstone in the Maxon Cemetery in Jackson, Michigan. *FM* readers may recall this bit of information with a picture of her tombstone taken by Louie BeVier of Jackson from the Fall 1998 issue. Labeled the *Bevier mystery lady* because no one knew her identity, she may at long last have been found out! Louie BeVier, intrigued by this mystery, has done some digging.

With the knowledge that family members are often buried together in a family plot, Louie was able to obtain a plot map of the cemetery and discovered that Rebecca was buried in the Gates family plot, Lot No. 62, Section 2, Row 2, considered the original section of the Maxon Cemetery. Gravesites are in the following order: 1) Rebecca Bevier; 2) Stella Gates; 3) Smith C. St. John¹; 4) Susan R. Gates; 5) Ingreases Gates; 6) Louisa Gates; 7) Isabell Gates; and, 8) Charles Gates. Armed with this information, Louie went to the 1850 census records for Jackson and made another discovery. In the 1850 Jackson County census records (tape roll no. 352), Rebecca Bevier is a member of the Gates family household residing in the community of Leoni.

The County of Jackson census of the inhabitants of Leoni, taken on the 9th day of August in 1850, gave Rebecca's age as 64 at the time of the census. This jibes with age 67 listed on Rebecca's tombstone on 22 September 1852 since she likely turned 65 during the census year between August 9th and September 22nd, making her 67 when she died two years later. The 1850 census also tells us Rebecca was born in New York, as were the older Gates family members: McRean S. (age 57, male); Louisa (age 45, female); Israil² (age 20, male); and Charlotte (age 16, female). Only the youngest son Charles, at age 3, was born in Michigan.

Louie concludes that Rebecca was born either Gates, St. John or Bevier. The approximately 20 years difference in age between Rebecca and Louisa though makes it just as reasonable to conclude she was Louisa's widowed mother.



¹Leoni records list a Ward St. John as a great-grandfather, Louie assumes to the family of Gates.

²Spelling taken from census record.



A PUBLIC THANKS...

to **Marion (Horton) BeVier**, wife of National Reunion Committee Chairman **Bruce E. BeVier**, & to **Frank Goin**, husband of *FM* editor & publisher **Anne Bevier Goin**, for their long-suffering patience & counsel as this national reunion came to fruition. Thanks also to the entire reunion committee who worked so hard to make the reunion the success it was.

At left with our better halves (l-r): **Bruce E. BeVier**, **Anne (Bevier) & Frank Goin**, Frankfort, KY, **Garry Orlin** and **Lynda Bevier** of Yamhill, OR, and **Marion BeVier**.

From the Jackson Citizen Patriot:

Family history clarified

*EDITOR: The JACKSON CITIZEN PATRIOT gave great publicity to the National Bevier Reunion with a wonderful front page story by reporter **Monetta L. Harr** in their Sunday, 9 July 2000 edition. In response to that article, your editor sent the following letter which the paper printed in the "Voice of the People" editorial section. It is reprinted here courtesy of **Nancy Bevier Kohorst**, National Bevier Reunion 2000 Co-Chairman and resident of Brooklyn, Michigan who was kind enough to pass it along. If any reader would like to read **Ms. Harr's** article on the reunion, please e-mail *FM* at afgoin@earthlink.net to have it forwarded to your email address.*

FRANKFORT, KY. — Thank you for a lovely article on our family reunion and the prominent place it received in the *Jackson Citizen Patriot*. We all were delighted to receive such attention and I know you sold more than a few extra editions on Sunday. There are just a few clarifications for the record that I respectfully pass along, if only for the Civil War buffs among your readers and, more importantly, because this wonderful event was hosted by the great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren of **Luther S. and Rachel (Hooper) Bevier**.

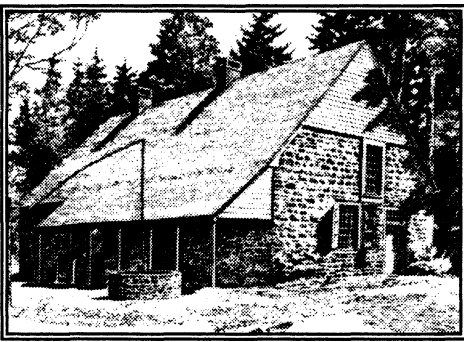
Pvt. Luther S. Bevier, a blacksmith in the 9th Michigan Cavalry, was captured in September of 1863 and died a prisoner of war in November 1863 in Richmond, Va. A typo misidentifies the year as 1883. **Col. Robert Scott Bevier** was his nephew, a Confederate with Missouri forces, and was detailed to Richmond by late fall that year. It is believed he was in the Confederate capital at the time of his uncle's death and, as fate would also have it, during the imprisonment of yet another **Bevier**, a distant cousin, **Cpl. Orlin Bevier**, from Illinois. **Orlin** and **Luther** were imprisoned on Belle Isle (the prison camp for Union enlisted men in the James River in Richmond) on the same day, according to records from the National Archives, although captured in different parts of Tennessee. **Orlin** was transferred from Belle Isle to a prison camp in Andersonville in Georgia, where he died in August 1864. **Col. Bevier** was in Richmond handling paroles for Missouri Confederates, on administrative duties at this time.

I hope this clarifies things. I thank **Ms. Harr** and your paper again on behalf of my wonderful family for all of your attention.

Anne Bevier Goin



I will honor Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year.—Charles Dickens (1812-1870), A CHRISTMAS CAROL, 1843



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SOME EARLY HISTORY OF THE HUDSON RIVER VALLEY

By Dale Andre' BeVier

The first human beings on the land were called the Lenni-Lenape. Their totem was the wolf from which the French called them Loups (wolves). The Ulster County Indians belonged to the Munsee Tribe, which was a principal division of the Delawares. The principal band was the Minisinks (the place of the Minsi), who occupied the Southwestern part of Ulster and Orange Counties and the adjoining parts of New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The other bands were the Catskills who lived just north of Esopus Creek, the Mamnektings, the Wawarsinks, who lived near the junction of Wawarsing and Rondout creeks, Waoranacs, and Warranawonkongs; these bands were collectively called the five tribes of the Esopus. These were the Esopus Indians whose war-whoops later terrified the Dutch at Esopus, who laid Wiltwick in ashes and who battled with Captain Martin Cregier and his troops. Each of these bands had their main village where their forts were erected with palisades covered with tree bark. Two main trails led from the Delaware to the Hudson. One began on the Neversink Creek near Port Jervis and struck the Rondout Creek near Napanoch and then down that stream to Marbletown. It then crossed to the Esopus Creek and down to its mouth at Saugerties. The other trail crossed the mountains at Minnisink to the valley of the Wallkill and followed that and the Rondout Creek to the Hudson River at Kingston.

The tribes were divided into clans or families with each having a chief. They raised large amounts of corn and vegetables, which they stored in the ground for use during the long winter. The Native Americans had festivals, dances, and other social gatherings. They also had a "tennis court" near the corner of the present-day Hone and Pierpont streets in Kingston. Here they played their lacrosse games with a small ball of deerskin stuffed with hair or moss. They also had tennis racket-like implements with which they played the game. They would set up goals several hundred yards apart and the purpose of the game was to drive the ball



under the goal of the other team by means of a racket without touching it with the hands. Two families or tribes played against each other. The game was attended with dancing and feasting and the stakes ran high. Death and serious injury were normal to this highly contested and often brutal sport. Although women tilled the fields and did the housework, they enjoyed a high position in the tribe. Some tribes had a chieftainess who ruled and governed them. Her word was law. In 1677, the chieftainesses, Wawawamis and Mamaroch, joined in a deed of land to Louis DuBois and his eleven associates at present-day New Paltz. The women had a voice in the council of the tribes and even in the weighty matters of war and peace they were consulted.

The quest for knowledge concerning the Hudson River Valley and its settlement starts with its discovery. An Italian explorer named Giovanni da Verrazzano was commissioned by some Italian bankers located in Lyons, France, to find a shorter route to China for their profitable silk trade. It's interesting that this quest started in the weaving districts of northern France, from whence came most of our ancestors. Verrazzano's ship was named *La Dauphine* and he sailed westward in the autumn of 1523. On April 17, 1524, *La Dauphine* sailed into the mouth of New York harbor. His brief account indicates that they anchored in the narrows, now renamed after him and spanned by the Verrazzano Bridge. He also told of the brightly-colored feathers and skins worn by the native people. He rowed about three leagues into the bay, all the while surrounded by the natives in their canoes. He saw the entrance to the great river we now know as the Hudson and viewed Manhattan Island as a lush, verdant place. He should see it now after the passage of nearly 500 years! A contrary wind forced his ship to leave the area and he then went northward into Narragansett Bay.

Henry Hudson is the explorer who gets the most credit for the discovery and mapping of the area now known as New York City and the Hudson River Valley. Due to the thriving trade in spices and silk between the Orient and Europe, Henry Hudson and others made a number of difficult and dangerous

voyages searching for a northwest passage to Asia. Although he did not succeed in his quest, his four voyages of discovery added much to the knowledge of North America and the Arctic. The Dutch East Indian Trading Company commissioned his third voyage. He sailed from the island of Texel, North Holland, in the ship *Half Moon*, on April 6, 1609. By May 5th, he was in the Barents Sea and encountered much ice. His men became concerned and somewhat mutinous, so he offered to turn and seek a passage to the Pacific either from the Davis Strait or through Virginia. The men voted to adopt the latter plan. He explored the inlets southward along the coast to southern Virginia probing for a passage across the continent. He then turned northward, and on September 3rd, they entered New York Harbor.

He anchored his ship and remained for several days in the beautiful bay bordering on Manhattan Island and was visited by the astonished natives.



Hudson wrote "the natives were clothed in mantles of feathers and robes of fur." They manifested not only great friendship, but also great reverence for him and his companions as a superior race of beings, messengers of an almighty power. After ascending the river that bears his name for about 150 miles to the site of the present-day Albany, he parleyed with the Indians, surveyed the country, and tried the stream above the tidewater. He concluded that this channel did not lead to China. On October 4th the *Half Moon* left for Texel and on November 7th arrived at Dartmouth where the English Government detained her. Hudson and the other Englishmen on board were commanded henceforth to serve their own country in endeavors of exploration. His fourth voyage to the area of Hudson's Bay and James Bay was backed by a group of Englishmen. After becoming icebound, Hudson's crew mutinied, and in June 1611 Hudson, his son, and seven sick men were set adrift to perish. Upon arriving home the mutineers were tried for mutiny, but found not guilty.

In the year, 1610, the East India Company of Holland sent a ship to trade with the natives. Finding their first venture profitable, they soon established trading posts at Manhattan, Fort Orange (Albany), and at some intermediate points along the river, including the mouth at Atkarkarton, afterward known as Esopus, near present-day Kingston. On the 11th day of October 1614, the States-General of Holland granted to the United New Netherland Company (West India Co.) the exclusive right to visit and navigate all the lands situated in America between New France and Virginia. Under the authority thus granted, the company took possession of the Hudson River and built three forts or redoubts thereon. The first was on Castle Island just below Albany, one on the battery at New York, and one

at the mouth of the Rondout Creek. In 1620, the States-General incorporated the West India Company with enormous and almost unlimited powers including the making of contracts, alliances with nations, the building of forts, administering justice, and the appointing of governors, soldiers, and public officials.

The Reformation and the subsequent religious persecutions in Europe drove many people to seek asylum beyond the reach of the tyrants of Europe. The first of those arriving in the vicinity of Manhattan with the intention of remaining was a company of about thirty Walloons who had fled to Holland from France to avoid persecution. They came from the country bordering the river Scheldt and from Flanders, they professed the Reformed religion and spoke the old French or Gaelic language. They settled on Staten Island first, but the following year they removed to Long Island and settled what is now known as Wallabout, a name supposed to be derived from them.

ALTA SAYS

By: Alta Cecil Koch

Don't give up if some problem seems beyond solving and you've hit the proverbial "stone wall." Perhaps that's the time to "go out on a limb," have a "pipe dream" or "follow a hunch." In times past, I've unscientifically indulged in all. But, my "flights of fancy" solved several problems. For instance, "What if" the Beviars used an alias while escaping? Anonymity would be of help!



Now, a bit about old pictures. If you recognize an individual one, but no name or date is inscribed, remedy the situation. You know the information, but the next inheritor of those pictures may not. Chances are, they'll want to know, but haven't a clue. And others won't even care. My sister and I finally (by comparisons) identified a beautiful 13 or 14 year old girl in an old daguerreotype. She was Jane Bevier Gillett, older daughter of Sarah (Bevier) Gillett. I had copies made and sent them to her two surviving grandchildren. George was most appreciative, but his sister wrote to thank me for my trouble, but that she didn't "care much for old things." Oh well, you can't please everyone.

ONLY IN AMERICA

Can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.
Is there handicap parking in front of a skating rink.
Do we leave cars worth thousands in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.
Do we have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.



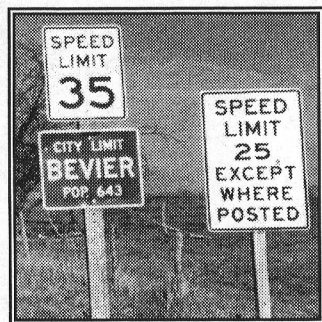
Bevier Family News

Pictured at right: The attendees of the annual Bevier family picnic at Wamplers Lake pose for their picture. The picture and the article below are presented by courtesy of Bruce E. BeVier. Bruce has been elected chairman of the Y2 National Bevier Reunion hosted by this group of descendants of Luther S. Bevier.

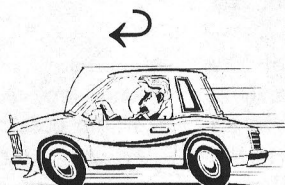


Descendants of LUTHER & RACHEL HOOPER BEVIER gather annually at Wampler's Lake, near Jackson, Michigan for a reunion, picnic, games, looking at pictures and renewing old acquaintances. And it's hard to beat pot luck when everyone in the family brings their best.

Next year on Saturday, July 5, 2000, this group will host the first ever-BEVIER NATIONAL REUNION, so mark your calendars now! Plan to be there and start getting pictures and family history together to share with others. For more complete details, and a business sized SASE to: Bevier * 9191 Chase Lake Road * Fowlerville, MI 48836. For planning purposes PLEASE indicate the number of adults who MIGHT attend with names, addresses, and phone numbers, as well as the number of children under 18 who might attend. Please also send along a SASE postcard. We will send directions to the site of the reunion as well as other details concerning other activities in the area, a list of motels and campgrounds, etc., as soon as they are available. The card will be sent back to you as a reminder about April 1, 2000. Direct any telephone inquiries to BeVier at (517) 468-2451. This information is not copyrighted, so feel free to share this and pass it on to all Beviers you might know. If you have an e-mail address, please include that as well.



**WHAT ??
Did a Bevier do this?**



NINE YEAR OLD SHOWS HER STUFF AS A FAMILY HISTORIAN

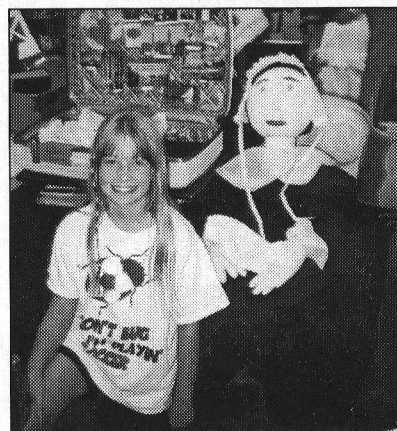
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Bruce E. BeVier

When fourth grade students at Willow Creek Elementary School, a national merit award winning school in the Denver, Colorado area, were assigned an

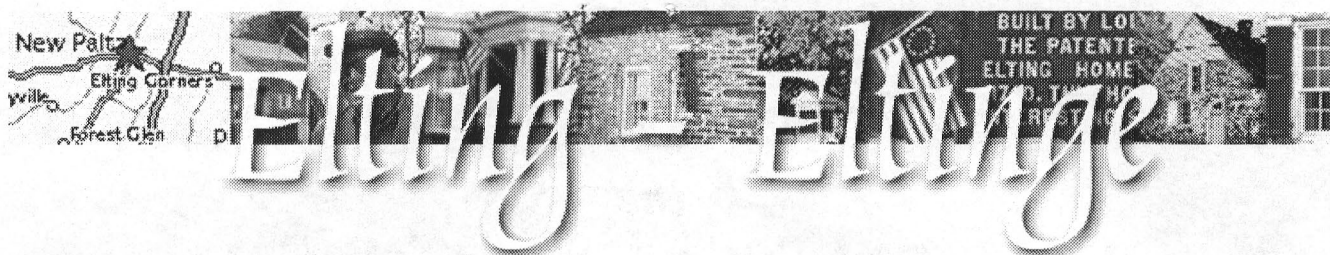
immigrant project, it did not take Hannah BeVier Levorsen long to pick her subject. Hannah, a 12th generation descendant of Louis & Marie Bevier, an all A student at what is purported to be the best elementary school in the Denver area (no bias intended), set her sights on her choice of an immigrant, Marie LeBlanc Bevier. Marie was the wife of the original Bevier Louis Bevier, the Patentee, who immigrated to the New York Colony in 1675. Once the immigrant was selected, she enlisted the whole family as support staff. Mom, (Laura BeVier Levorsen), had been in receipt of some family history and newsletters that sort of sparked an idea. Dad, (Mark Levorsen), with his computer knowledge, would be of assistance in connecting with the Internet where tons of family history was (and still is) there for the taking.

Hannah prepared a life sized model of her immigrant subject Marie LeBlanc Bevier (pictured below with Hannah), as she imagined her as well as packing a suitcase



full of items they would want to carry on their trip to North America. She also wrote a journal describing in some detail what she felt would be going through Marie's mind as she made her journey, including a mention of the flight "for

religious freedom" and the intense persecution they were under in the old country. Hannah's well-written, and well illustrated report when returned by her teacher had the word "Excellent" inscribed on the cover sheet. It is interesting that both Hannah and her younger brother, Drew, age seven, carry the middle name BeVier from their mother's side of the family.



A Great Idea

If you're one of those family members interested in genealogy and/or history, and looking for a way to be involved in the life of a child, you may want to talk to George Elting in Burien, Washington. George volunteers as the genealogy adviser to his son's Boy Scout Troop. You can contact him at justgeo1@oz.net, or ask him about it in the Elting chatroom on Wednesday night.

Military History Tidbits

The following items are among the interesting tidbits of information being collected in the Elting military history research project:

- Abram Houghtaling, serving in the Civil War, was injured in the Battle at Prairie Grove, Arkansas on December 1862.
- Randolph Sharp was a Naval officer aboard two destroyers, the USS Meredeth and the USS Terry, during World War II. He survived the sinking of both!
- Sidney Wygant served with the famous 8th Regiment, Wisconsin infantry who were known as the "Eau Claire Eagles" because of their bald eagle mascot, "Old Abe" who accompanied them into Civil War battles.
- Sidney's nephew, Henry Wygant, a West Point graduate, was honored for meritorious service at the Battle of San Juan Hill (Cuba) in 1898, and later volunteered with his regiment to serve as a nurse at the Yellow Fever Camp at Siboney.
- George P. Howell, a West Point Graduate, served with distinction as an officer in the Army Corps of Engineers.

These men were all Elting descendants. Their stories, and others, will be included in the tribute to Elting veterans being researched. Have you submitted the name of your Elting family veteran? Time is running out! See the Bevier-Elting website, or e-mail to: gecastle@aol.com.

Newest Little Eltinge

Mark and Margie of Metairie, LA are announcing the birth of a son, John Eltinge Fell. The newest family member, who is the great-great grandson of General LeRoy Eltinge, was born on August 12, 1999. He joins a sister, Erin.

Elting Reunion in New Paltz! - Back to the Beginning

July 21-23, 2000. Visit our reunion information website: www.eltingweb.com/reunion

Things to Ponder - Favorite Names

Do you like your name?

It's not unusual for kids to "hate" their given names. Here are a few of the most popular names of our ancestors. Do you have an ancestor name? Would you prefer one of these names to the one you have? If you find your name here, try to imagine what it was like to live in a stone house in the 1600s or 1700s or even the 1800s.

Elting Family Boys' Names:	Elting Family Girl's Names:
Jan, James, Jesse	Jacomyntje, Rachel
Roelif, Noah	Sarah, Dinah
Solomon, John	Gertrude, Maria
Cornelius, Philip	Catherine, Gitty
Ezekiel, Abram	Magdalen, Jane
Josiah, Edmund	Rebecca, Margaret

How well do you know the family history?

Try these questions and look for the answers in our next issue. Questions for next issue are welcome.

1. Who was the Elting who purchased the New Paltz home built by Louis Bevier?
2. Who was the Elting who built the New Paltz house now being sponsored by the LeFever family?
3. Who was the first Elting known to move to New Paltz?
4. Who was the Elting injured in the Battle of Gettysburg on July 2, 1863?
5. Where did the Elting Memorial Library in New Paltz get its name?
6. What was the maiden name of the wife of the Roelif Elting who was banished from New Paltz during the Revolutionary War? (On false charges, of course!)

On the Net

There have been many new contacts with Elting descendants who found our website - from coast to coast in the US, and across the ocean in the Netherlands! We're gaining new information for the genealogy and new friendships, too. We hope to see several new Elting faces at the October Family Association meeting.

Bevier-Elting Family Association website:

http://members.aol.com/Edie143/elt_web.html

Webmaster: Edie Elting - Email: Elting@eltingweb.com

HUGUENOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS



Two recent actions by the Board of Trustees of the Huguenot Historical

Society are of particular interest to Beviers and Eltings. A vacancy on the 15-member Board occurred when Trustee Peter Fairweather resigned in March. The Nominating Committee proposed as his replacement a valued member of the Bevier-Elting Family Association, Kathleen T. (Kate) Smith of New York and New Paltz. Kate is of Huguenot extraction, (although not of the New Paltz Huguenot community) and is the widow of the late David Smith, an Elting descendant and related to most of the Patentee families. At the May meeting of the Board of Trustees, Kate was approved unanimously to fill out the term of Peter Fairweather. At the HHS Annual Meeting in June, Kate was elected to a full three-year term of her own. (Also in June, she was elected a trustee of the Jacob Elting Burying Ground Association.) Kate brings to the Board her valuable experience in finance as a vice-president of Chase Manhattan Bank, experience as a trustee of Vassar College for a number of years, and recent service to HHS as a member of the Finance Committee. It is in this position that she has helped the Society make informed and intelligent decisions on matters relating to budget, investment policy and fund-raising. She is a lively and charming person, too. The Board of Trustees is pleased to have her on board.

At the July meeting of the Board of Trustees, three former trustees were honored by being named Trustees Emeritus. Jay LeFevre, O. Lincoln Igou, and our own Dale A. BeVier were so honored. The position of Trustee Emeritus entitles the individual to attend and participate in meetings of the Board of Trustees, although without a vote, and recognizes the importance of the person's service during his or her tenure as a member of the Board. Both Mr. LeFevre and Mr. Igou have served the Society as valued Trustees for over 20 years. Dale served as a Trustee for slightly over three years, during which time he also served as President of the Bevier-Elting Family Association, a position he still holds. Prior to that time, he also served as a member of the HHS Duzine, and has been engaged in revising and updating the Bevier Family Genealogy. During his service as an HHS Trustee, Dale was elected a vice-president of the Society and, on the resignation of the former president, he was elected President of the Board of Trustees. Only a job-related move of his family, from Pennsylvania to Florida, necessitated his resignation as Trustee and President.

His strength as President, and his vision for the Society, maintained the Board of Trustees during a difficult period of change. The Society lost a president and a director and suffered the withdrawal of two of its stalwart Family Associations and subsequent litigation. Under Dale's leadership, harmony returned to Huguenot Street, the litigation was settled, a new director was hired after a broad search, and the Society is on its way to realizing its



enormous potential as a significant museum. In recognition of his valuable service to the Society, the Board of Trustees unanimously agreed to name him Trustee Emeritus.

Barbara Bevier Sacks HHS Trustee and Secretary

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Stone House Day 1999 A Great Success

By: Grace Elting Castle

"The rain poured down and no one seemed to care, they just kept coming down the street with their umbrellas."

That description of Stone House Day 1999 by BEFA volunteer Marjorie Lasher sums up the wonderful attitude of all the Huguenot Street volunteers, tourists and HHS staff. Despite the torrential rains of the morning, the volunteers and staff carried on and the visitors continued to stream onto the street. Early estimates were that, despite the inclement weather, a new attendance record was set.

The festive atmosphere of the street provided a wonderful glimpse into what the past might have been, with fruit and vegetable vendors set up outside the Bevier-Elting House, once the site of the Elting store; musicians at strategic points along the street, militia units marching and practicing throughout the village, and children rolling hoops along the street. Only the presence of tourists lined up to visit the interiors of the homes gave a clue that this was not a day from the past. Some of those tourists, responding to articles recently published in Hartford, in the New York Times, and other major newspapers, reported that they had been planning this trip for a month and, in the words of one lady, "a little rain sure wasn't going to stop us!"

Our family owes a great debt of gratitude to those who volunteered as guides, or in other capacities, for the BEFA this year. It was difficult to get enough volunteers and some persons from other families, from the HHS staff and from the college reportedly filled in for us. Among those BEFA members known to have been involved were Bob and Marjorie Lasher, David and Adrienne Wiese and Gordon Kreth.

Eric Roth, the HHS Archivist, greeted visitors at the front door of our house throughout most of the afternoon, and I also saw Leslie LeFevre inside assisting the guides. There were undoubtedly others and we appreciate the efforts of all of them!

If you are looking for the ideal time to introduce your family to Huguenot Street and the houses, watch for the date of next year's Stone House Day! I made a 2400 mile round trip so that two grandsons could experience it, and it will be a lifelong memory for each of us!

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Well, here we are once again with fall just down the road. That means Bevier-Elting Family Association meeting time. Please make your plans to attend this annual meeting and reunion of the association. There are some important issues to discuss and the more members we have present, the more opinions can be heard. It is quite a difficult task to keep an association like this stable when a small percentage of the membership participates in our annual weekend. Times have changed and one of the unfortunate changes is that our membership is now scattered all over the country. When I joined the association in 1964, the majority of the members lived within a short drive of New Paltz.

This is definitely not the case anymore. We now have officers living in Florida, Indiana, North Carolina, and Maryland. Our association has done some good deeds in the past couple of years. We have funded the majority of the cost of a new roof for the Bevier-Elting Homestead, pledged the money for new bricks and masonry work on the chimneys, paid the insurance for the house, paid the electric bills associated with the house, and done new genealogical research concerning both representative family groups. The newsletter, now being published four times per year with a new format, has kept us all in touch with "what's happening." These projects are a sign of a healthy family association. I wish to personally thank all those loyal members that have voluntarily contributed to our projects such as house preservation and genealogical research. Our original five-year plan for giving will soon enter the third year. Let's not forget at dues time to contribute again to this worthy cause.

I invite you all to join us in New Paltz this fall for our 34th annual meeting. Who knows, you may get to hear your president and his partner of 43 years do their night club act at the party on Friday night. That in itself, should be a curious enough incentive to attend!

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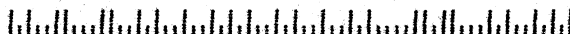


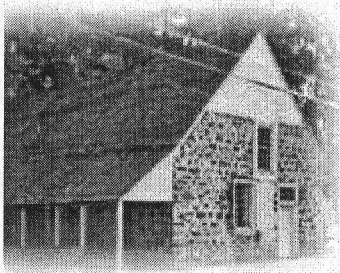
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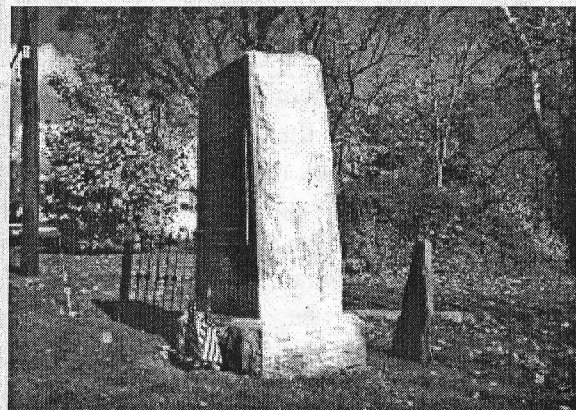
Edited by Edie Houlihan Elting

March 2000

"MASSACRE AT FANTINE KILL"

"This was an attack on three families, --those of Widow Isaac Bevier, Jesse Bevier, and Michael Socks. They lived about three-quarters of a mile northeast of Ellenville. It appears that the attack was simultaneous on those three families; in fact, they lived so near each other that one could not be assaulted without alarming the other two. The assault was made just at the dawn of day. There was a young negro, by the name of Robert, living at the Widow Isaac Bevier's. He heard an unusual tramping around the house, early in the morning, like that of horses. He opened the door, and, taking a little start, jumped out and ran. As he was going he received a wound from a tomahawk in his head, and a ball was fired through the elbow of his roundabout, but did not hurt him. The Indians sung out, in their native tongue, 'Run, you black! run, you black!' It does not appear he was pursued by them. He made his escape over the low-land to Napanoch; but tarried a while in the field, at a stack, in order to stop the blood, which was flowing profusely from his wound. Whether the Indians met with much resistance or not at this place does not appear; but we know that the widow and both her sons were killed. The house was set on fire, and the women went into the cellar. The daughter, Magdalene took the Dutch *family Bible* with her. When the flames approached them there, they chose rather to deliver themselves up to the savages than to endure a horrible death by fire. The event proved that 'the one must be taken and the other left.' They made their way through the cellar-window, the mother in advance. The mother instantly became prey to the ruthless tomahawk, whilst the daughter was retained as a prisoner. It is said that a young Indian manifested a strong attachment to her, and interposed in her behalf, but this is not certain. Some of the old people say that she was saved on account of her not being altogether sane, which was the case. The Bible was wrested from her hands and stamped in the mud. When the Indians left the place they took her a short distance into the woods, and then sent her back with a war-club and a letter written by the Tories to Capt. Andries Bevier, at Napanoch. The club was stained with fresh blood and hair. It was long in the family of the Beviers, but is now lost. On her return she recovered the Bible preserved from the flames. Some of the leaves were soiled by the mud, but not materially. It is still preserved as a precious relic in the family of her connections."

From: History of Ulster County - 1880, Town of Wawarsing, Military, Narrative 3.



(Paul Westbrook photo)

Monument to the Fantinekill Massacre, which occurred May 4, 1779. Original small stone is at rear. Widow Elizabeth Bevier, 62, her sons Solomon, 29 and Josiah, 23; Widow Johannah Bevier Sax and her children, Mariah, 20, Peter, 23, Hester, 18, Dorothy, 16 and Jacob, 14, all were killed.

More About the Area

by Paul Westbrook

The monument to the Fantinekill Massacre is located at the top of a small hill outside the Schrade Factory in the town of Ellenville, NY. At this site, on May 4, 1779, it is said that 30-40 of Joseph Brandt's Indians and Tories attacked the houses in this area which were owned by Abraham and Jean Bevier. These were the first settlers who had their homes in the Napanoch/Ellenville area. In this attack, Mrs. Bevier and her two sons and Mrs. Sax with her five children were killed. The names are all located on the monument.

Word of the attack reached Conradt Bevier who was in Wawarsing and Captain Andries Bevier who was in charge of the militia near Napanoch. Many inhabitants of the area fled up the Shawangunk Mt. near Lake Maratanza for safety. The raids continued, not only at this location, but all the way to the Delaware River.

There are other local sites where one can find evidence of Bevier ancestry. This would include the old Wawarsing Cemetery on route 209 where graves of Bevier ancestors including Capt. Andries Bevier can be found.

As you travel further into Napanoch, the remnants of Benjamin Bevier's home are visible adjacent to the original 1754 Gristmill location near Huguenot St. In the Leurenkill area on the old Minisink Trail (Nevele Rd.) the stone house and birth place of Dr. Benjamin Roosa Bevier is located. A few miles south of this, travelers can view the original house of Conrad Bevier, which is being privately renovated.

Note: The biography of Dr. Benjamin Roosa Bevier, the son of Conrad Bevier, can be read on the BEFA website.

The Bevier-Elting Family Association website has moved to a new Internet address. While still "under construction", it has a new look and new features. Please stop by and sign the online guestbook.

<http://members.aol.com/BevierElting>



Alta says...

Last summer, the Evansville, IN Sunday paper carried an excellent full-page article about old, small and shamefully unkempt country and/or family cemeteries. I took the article to our local Terre Haute paper. Ten days later, there was an equally fine

two-page article dealing with those forgotten pages of history. On July 1, there was a front page, illustrated article dealing with the problem in Indiana and the formation of a group dedicated to locating and promoting care for the cemeteries they listed in the "Halls of Shame."

My daughter Alice and I know of such a cemetery and now, via the internet, the Caldwell Family Cemetery is on that list. Years ago, my husband and I catalogued the stones we could find. The task would be impossible now. The oldest birth-date was 1756 and the earliest burial was 1819. For this part of the country, that is very old.

A few years ago Alice and I tried to locate some Bevier stones we were told might be in a country cemetery west of New Paltz. It was briar and brush choked and back of a country church. Apparently no longer in use, the cemetery was in terrible condition. So, "Halls of Shame" are widespread.

In 1971, when I'd done my Cecil book, enough interest was sparked to prompt the formation of the Cecil Family Association. Interest extended to the family cemetery some 13 miles south of Warrensburg, MO. Enough money was collected for mowing and fence upkeep. The cemetery became the focus of the Association, and gradually stones were mended and re-set on solid bases. When I saw it this past summer, I saw a place of beauty. Surrounded by a chain link fence, the stones stood secure and the grass was neatly clipped. A sizeable trust fund insures its care for many years. I'm proud of being instrumental in bringing all the distant kin together, but much prouder still of what they have done. Halls of Shame can become Halls of Pride and Halls of History.

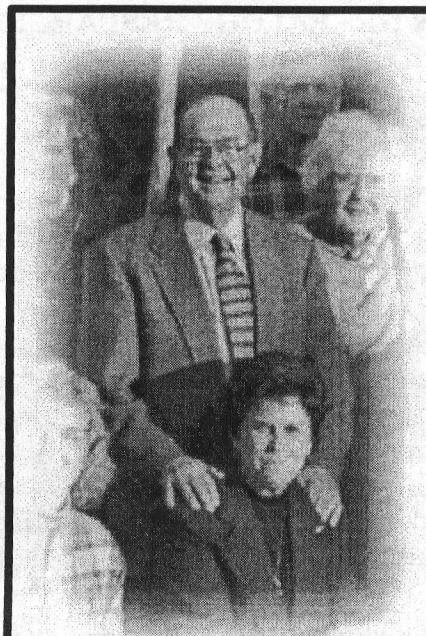
We are grateful

...to have received donations to benefit the Homestead Preservation Fund, General Fund, and Genealogical Research Funds. Some of these were made in memory of, or in honor of the following friends and loved ones:

Viola G. Elting
Roger Davis Smith
Mary Jane (Bevier) Bramer
Katie Elting
Luther S. Bevier
Erwin Elting
Maurice C. Bevier
Livia Bevier Stillings
Alma Bevier Heisler
Sarah Frances Bevier Moon
Frank D. Bevier Jr.
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Ruth Brown Hawthorne
Robert Eugene Heisler
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Patricia Witt Gilkey

Welcome to Our New Members

Reverend Harold Elting - Illinois
Douwe Elting - The Netherlands
Sarah Jane Gakin - Washington
Bill Quinn - Georgia
Richard Hasbrouck Bevier - New York
Jane and Forrest Gehrke - New Jersey
Robbin Gehrke and Rob Moses - California
Lahna Runck Neely - Virginia
Theodora Ridgeway Runck - Colorado
Matthew Mansfield Neely - North Dakota
Carole Joan Logeman - Illinois
Mrs. Terry Coolican Bruno - New York
Alan A. Nye - Colorado
Frederic Martin Curtiss - Florida
Laura BeVier Levorsen - Colorado
John Ben Urban - New Jersey
Daniel Bevier - Pennsylvania
Jeni Hauver - Virginia
Mary H. Kelly - Michigan
Julie Bevier Drouillard - Michigan
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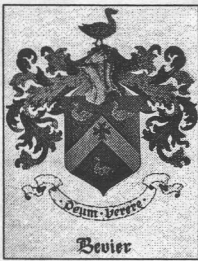


Bob Heisler ***1928 - 2000***

Our friend is pictured enjoying happy moments at the 1998 and 1999 Bevier-Elting Family Association meetings.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Genealogical Research Fund.





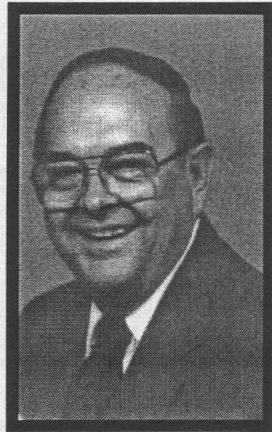
Bevier Family News

by
Dale A. BeVier

Robert Eugene Heisler

1928 - 2000

It is with great sadness we report the passing of a truly fine gentleman and loyal friend of the Bevier-Elting Family Association. Although he's been a member of our group just a few short years, his support and compassion of our cause has been genuine and unceasing. Robert Eugene Heisler was a wise and friendly human being and loved his family with great devotion. He warmly welcomed newfound friends into his lovely home, and he'll be greatly missed by all those having experienced the privilege of knowing him. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.



GENEALOGY UPDATE

New information about the Bevier family has come to us by way of our Internet Website. In the past few weeks, we have been introduced to three new branches to sort out and place on the family tree. Yes, I thought the genealogy was completed, but creative editing is still occurring, trying to place these new names in their proper places in the history. It's difficult, but not impossible to do this. Just a few days ago a wonderful Bevier family portrait was received via E-mail. It was the family of G. Josiah Bevier taken in the late nineteenth century.

The genealogy will finally go to press the third week of February. Brochures and order forms will soon be sent to those making a pre-publication commitment. This first publication will be a limited edition of two hundred copies. It will be a hard cover edition bound with machine stitching. This will probably be the only offering of this genealogy in the hard cover format. Later editions (if needed) will be spiral bound with a laminated cover. The first brochure mailing will be those on my list of pre-publication reservations. After those have been distributed, there will be a general brochure mailing to other Beviers and Bevier descendants.

BEVIER NATIONAL REUNION 2000

THE DATE

SATURDAY JULY 8, 2000

THE PLACE

WAMPLER'S LAKE, WALTER J. HAYES STATE
PARK IN ONSTEAD, MICHIGAN

DETAILS

Check our website at:

<http://www.eltingweb.com/BevierReunion>

Or

E-mail: marbru@mail.tds.net

Fax inquiry: (517)-468-2451

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Write to: Betty Bevier Vogel

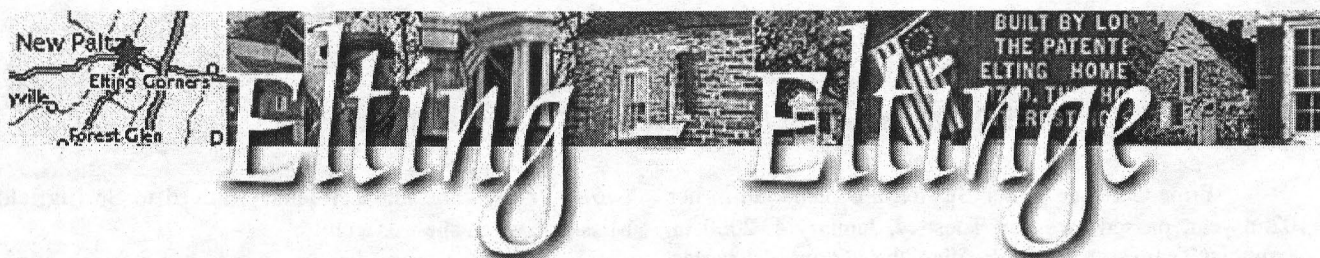
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If you are arriving early, a Friday evening mixer is also planned. Responses to the first mailing have been very positive and pre-registrations are in from CA, OR, WA, CO, MO, KY, TN, IN, MN, WI, OH, PA, NY, DE, and FL. It promises to be a weekend of nostalgia, acquaintance and fun.

EUROPEAN GENEALOGY RESEARCH

Many thanks to those of you who have contributed to the European genealogical research program. The new findings are interesting. Our French professional genealogist, Catherine Noth, has been very active in the past several weeks doing research in various parts of Europe. It seems that the origin of our Bevier family is indeed a convoluted puzzle. Catherine has found two Beviers, Samuel and Issac, that emigrated to Mannheim, Germany from Moscow, Russia! Martin Bevier came to Mannheim from Sweden! A Louis Bevier appears in many records, Winden, Mannheim, Frankenthal. Catherine reminds us not to forget that these towns are 60-70 kilometers apart. Quite a distance to walk or ride a horse in the 1600's.



To "E" Or Not To "E" ...That Is The Question!

When the Heidgerds published the last Elting family history in 1989, they spelled the name without the final 'e', offering apologies to those families still using it. Family Genealogist Jim Elting will be taking a different approach, using the spelling he finds in official records. Some families still use the spelling "Eltinge", but Jim reports that use of the final 'e' became less common around the 6th generation.

How Well Do You Know Elting History?

Answers from last issue:

1. They each married the other's sister! Philip married Catherine, Ezekiel's sister, and Ezekiel married Magdalene, Philip's sister.
2. There are two Elting women who author children's stories: Edith Pattou Emery and Mary Elting Folsom. (Books by each are available at Amazon.com).
3. Roelif and Josiah Eltinge were elected to the first Duzine April 21, 1728.
4. Grace Helen Elting, daughter of James and Ada Elting graced the Chautauqua circuit.

New questions:

1. Who conceived the idea of erecting a monument to the Huguenot Patentees and early settlers, which caused the Huguenot, Patriotic, Historical and Monumental Association to be formed?
2. Who was the last occupant of the Bevier-Elting House?
3. Approximately how many descendants of Jan Elting are included in the current genealogy?
a) 5,000; b) 25,000; c) 50,000; d) 95,000
4. Name three Elting men who were involved in the shipping business in the 1800's.

Elting Reunion In New Paltz July 21-23, 2000 "Back To The Beginning"

Rooms are filling up quickly at Williams Lake Resort, for the Elting Reunion in July. The deadline for guaranteeing a room at the official gathering place has passed, but at last check a few rooms were still available, so try there first. Watch for important information to arrive in the mail so you can register for the golf tournament and other events. We can't wait to see you all again!

www.eltingweb.com/reunion

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The Dash -Author Unknown

I read of a reverend who stood to speak
at the funeral of his friend.
He referred to the dates on her tombstone
from the beginning...to the end.
He noted that first came the date of her birth
and spoke of the following date with tears,
but he said what mattered most of all
was the dash between those years.
For that dash represents all the time
that she spent alive on earth,
and now only those who loved her
know what that little line is worth.
For it matters not, how much we own;
the cars, the house, the cash.
What matters is how we live and love
and how we spend our dash.
So think about this long and hard,
are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left.
(You could be at "dash mid-range.")
If we could just slow down enough
to consider what's true and real,
and always try to understand
the way other people feel.
And be less quick to anger,
and show appreciation more
and love the people in our lives
like we've never loved before.
So, when your eulogy is being read
with your life's actions to rehash...
would you be pleased with the things they say
about how you spent your dash?

In Memory of a Bevier Centenarian

Erma Gertrude Ritter BeVier, a centenarian in her 102nd year, passed away on Tuesday, January 4, 2000 in Memphis, Tennessee. Mrs. BeVier, the widow of Charles BeVier, was featured in an article appearing in Family Matters written by her daughter-in-law, Patricia A. Bevier, in the Fall 1998 edition. The text of that article, a wonderful account of a long and interesting life, appears below and is reprinted here in loving tribute. Besides son Richard (Dick) Bevier, husband of Pat, she is survived by son Reverend Dr. William (Bill) A. BeVier, his wife, JoAnn, four granddaughters and 10 great grandchildren. A memorial service was conducted at the graveside in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens, Springfield, Missouri, the day described as cold and wet. Mrs. BeVier will be missed by many. Among mourners calling at the funeral home was Reverend Fred Robb, age 102. Reverend Robb officiated at the wedding of Bill and JoAnn 50 years earlier on August 14, 1949. Mrs. BeVier is pictured above with her late husband Charles on the couple's 50th wedding anniversary.

by Pat Bevier 1998

In 1918 a young, petite, redheaded Frisco railroad night telephone operator worked long lonely hours at her PBX switchboard in a storeroom at the Frisco railroad office in Springfield, Missouri. She was working nine hours a day, six and one-half days a week. One night a tall, lanky, young Charles BeVier, a call boy for the Frisco railroad, rode his bicycle over to the storeroom where she was working to finally meet her. He had talked to her on the telephone in connection with his job and wanted to meet this charming, polite, young lady. They were married 7 June 1923.

Erma Gertrude Ritter was born 16 June 1897 in Monnett, Missouri, the daughter of William Henry Ritter and Nonie Estella Harvey. Erma's grandfather, John Ritter, had been a pioneer in Arkansas and her great-grandfather, Adam Ritter, had come to the United States at age six in 1836 from Hamburg, Germany. Erma was the middle child with

two brothers. She and her family moved to Springfield, Missouri, when she was a child.

As a young girl, she and her family had visited an aunt and an uncle in Nebraska, staying in their dugout home with a sod roof. Later in 1916, she and her mother had visited her older brother in the U.S. Cavalry in New Mexico who was serving with Black Jack Pershing and scouring the surrounding hills for Poncho Villa.



Charles Bevier (Clement Francis, Francis Solomon, Jacob "Jake", Jonathan, Jacob, Jacobus, Samuel, Louis) was born 19 January 1902 in Batesville, Arkansas. He was the son of Clement Francis BeVier and Josephine "Josie" Craig. He worked 50 years for the Frisco Railroad in Springfield, Missouri. Charles and Erma were fortunate to have celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary with family and friends. Charles died 16 April 1985 in Springfield, Missouri.

Erma and Charles had two redheaded sons, Dr. William Albert BeVier and Richard Charles Bevier. Both served in the Marine Corps in Korea. William became a minister and taught at Detroit Bible College and Northwestern College in Roseville, Minnesota. He and wife JoAnn Cahill (King) BeVier, now live in Shoreview, Minnesota. They have two redheaded daughters, three grandsons, and two granddaughters. Richard worked in the financial sector of various businesses spending 11 years in Venezuela. He and his wife, Patricia Helen (McGarvey) Bevier, now live in Cordova, Tennessee. They have two daughters, four granddaughters and one grandson.

Erma's life centered largely upon her family, her church, and fraternal organizations. Following Charles's retirement, the couple traveled extensively, pursuing a lifelong interest in visiting new places.

Erma had lived in Springfield most of her life, but after her husband's death, she felt she needed to be closer to family. At the age of 89 she moved to a retirement home apartment in Memphis, Tennessee, near her son, Richard, and his wife, Pat. Since January of 1996 she has resided in a nursing home in Memphis, where she celebrated her 101st birthday this past June 16th.

Membership Renewals Due

Don't neglect to return the membership renewal notice you received recently. Whether you are a descendant of one of these fine families, or a friend of the Bevier-Elting Family Association, you have the unique opportunity to be a part of a tangible piece of American history.

With this issue we are enclosing our new brochure, which we hope you will pass along to an interested family member, friend, or even your local library. Often membership in the BEFA is given as a gift - a loving gift that keeps the recipient in touch with their proud heritage - as a Bevier, an Elting, or an American.

Beware of Bogus Offer

Several members have reported receiving mailings from Halbert's Publishing in Bath, Ohio, promoting copies of "The Eltings in America" or "The Beviers in America". These books contain highly inaccurate telephone listings, very generalized historical information, and virtually no genealogical information.

Your family genealogists, Dale BeVier and Jim Elting, recommend you steer clear of these books. Dale's and Jim's family genealogies are soon to be published and will contain the most current and accurate genealogical information.

New Address

The Bevier Genealogist has moved. Dale and Helen's new address is:

Dale and Helen BeVier
509 S. Timber Trail
Wildwood, Florida 34785
Phone: 352-748-6150

We hope you enjoy the following story, discovered by Jim Elting while researching a connection to Daniel Boone.

Isaac Van Bibber is said to have been raised by Daniel Boone. In 1815, he and his wife built a log tavern in what is now Montgomery County, Missouri. The following is from "The Boone Family" by Hazel Atterbury Spraker.

History Repeats Itself

"Isaac Van Bibber was very eccentric. He omitted no opportunity to declare and enforce his belief that every six thousand years there was a recurrence of the same events in the world's history and of course in the history of its inhabitants. He was active and persistent in the defense of this peculiar philosophy.

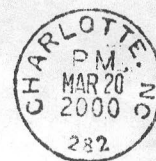
"One morning three young Kentuckians, having spent the night at the tavern and having heard Van Bibber's philosophy boldly declared, concluded to subject his professed faith to a business test. Accordingly they said, 'Now, Mr. Van Bibber, you believe we will all be here again, just as we are now, six thousand years hence. To test your belief in this doctrine we propose to give you our joint note for the amount of our bills, at ten percent interest, payable six thousand years after date.'

"For a moment Van Bibber was in an embarrassing dilemma, but soon recovering, he replied, 'You are smart young fellows all the way from Kaintuck, and I would at once accept your note and let you keep on, but I remember that all three of you were here six thousand years ago and left without paying your bills, and now I am afraid to trust you. So you will have to shell out.'

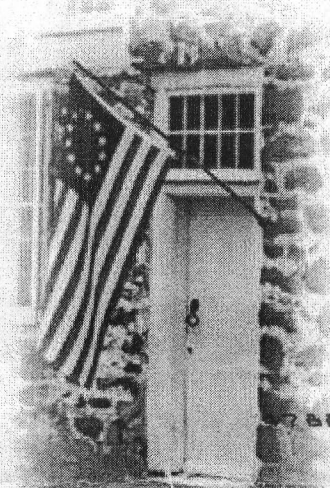
"And 'shell out' they did."

**Bevier-Elting Family Association Annual Reunion and Meeting
October 27-28, 2000 in New Paltz, New York**

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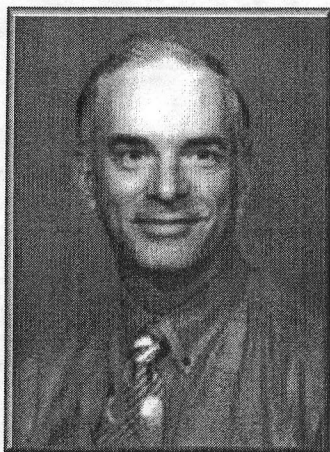


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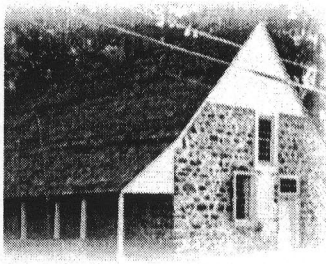
As we complete the first quarter of the New Year, we reflect with sadness on those members who have left us. The memory of their friendship will always be with us.

Spring is now beginning, and for the first time Edie and I will have the opportunity to see how New Paltz wears its spring colors when we attend the Combined Officers' Meeting on April 1st. I look forward to becoming acquainted and working with the other Family Associations that will be represented. I'm also anxious to see the newly completed chimneys on the Bevier-Elting House.

Alice Hanson, our Secretary-Treasurer, reports that membership renewals are being received at a good pace. Please remember that our members are the life of our organization, and your continued participation is very important. If you have misplaced your renewal notice, you're in luck! Our newly designed brochure is enclosed with this newsletter and contains all the information you need. As you will see in the pages of this edition of The Historian, many new members - *new friends* - have joined us in the past year.

The planning for both national reunions is stepping into high gear. Don't miss the opportunity to meet more Eltings and Beviers and learn more about our family history. I wish we could be at both reunions because I believe, like Alta says, we are "one family with two names."

- Jim



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ALLAN U. BEVIER

First President of the Bevier-Elting Family Association

by Wendy L. Witt

Allan Underwood Bevier was born on April 12, 1889, in North Tonawanda, Niagara County, New York. He was the eldest of three children of Frank Henry Wright Bevier and Hattie Eleanor Schad. Frank worked on construction of the hydraulic canal at Niagara Falls and later became a stationary engineer at City Hall there. A.U.'s grandfather, Lewis Bevier, was a fruit grower in Niagara County. His great-grandfather, Henry Bevier, was born in New Paltz and became a corporal in the War of 1812. He later took up farming in upstate New York.

Growing up in Niagara Falls, his family still subscribed to the weekly New Paltz newspaper and was aware of their Huguenot roots in the mid-Hudson Valley. A.U.'s two younger sisters were my grandmother, Bethel Angeline Bevier, who I never met, and my great-aunt, Muriel Bevier.

In 1908 A.U. married Mary Esther Wagner of Youngstown, New York, whose people were fishermen and ran a fish store near Fort Niagara. They had one son, Lewis Allan Bevier, born in 1911.

A.U. was a tall, straight, serious man with a twinkle in his eye who loved to tinker with machines and was good at fixing all kinds of mechanical problems.

In the mid-1920s, A.U. and his family moved to Ohio where he worked in the steel fabrication business. He came to Baltimore as a representative of a pump company and lived in the city in a brick row house with sparkling white marble steps to the pavement. In Baltimore he soon set up his own company selling service station pumps and got into the valve and fitting line. In 1931 the



Depression drove him to incorporate his business so that he wouldn't lose everything; it became Allan U. Bevier, Inc.

In 1934 A.U. bought a twenty-one acre farm on Rockburn Hill, in Elkridge, Howard County, Maryland. The back of the property dropped to the Patapsco River which local motorcyclists used for their hill climbs. During the Depression the Civilian Conservation Corps, under the Roosevelt administration, created the Patapsco State Park there.

During World War II A.U. was a colonel in the Maryland Wing of the Civil Air Patrol. He had his own plane and continued to fly even after his cataract operations in 1949. Aunt Muriel also flew and the two of them used to take his plane to New Paltz to see the Bevier family homestead and visit with Kenneth E. Hasbrouck, Sr.

After the war, A.U. bought three acres of land in southwest Baltimore, near the railroad tracks, and put up a military surplus quonset hut from which to operate his business. He started making basement tanks for home heating oil and later built truck tanks. In 1951 my father, Louis R. Witt, Jr., A.U.'s nephew, came to Baltimore to work for his uncle, with his wife Louise and baby Wendy. With the advent of the Korean War and Baltimore's proximity to Washington, D.C., the company developed a lot of government business and sold truck tanks and special equipment to the U.S. military.

In the early 1950s Uncle Allan and Aunt Mary divorced and A.U. married Ruth Andrews of Baltimore. He was one of the first members of the Duzine of the Huguenot Historical Society and

became the first president of the Bevier-Elting Family Association in 1963.

I remember visiting Rockburn Hill when A.U.'s son, Lewis A. Bevier and his wife Nanon lived there, on sultry summer days for crab feasts, corn on the cob and soft drinks in a tin tub full of ice. I remember Easter and Christmas Eve, especially, the family dressed in our holiday best, visiting Uncle Allan and Aunt Ruth in their home just across the street from the golf course in Catonsville, where we were treated to Rhebb's candies, the best chocolate in Baltimore, just as if we were princes and princesses, rather than the grubby, quarrelsome kids we were in real life.

Sources: *The Bevier Family*, 2000, Dale André BeVier; *The Bevier Family*, 1970, Kenneth E. Hasbrouck; *The Bevier Family*, 1916, Katherine Bevier; and personal reminiscences by Louis R. Witt of Baltimore, Maryland.
Photo courtesy Dale BeVier.



Alta Says...

At the October 1999 family meeting in New Paltz I was blessed with a very special privilege. As most of you know, the 1645 Bevier Family Bible is now "back home" in New Paltz at the Huguenot Historical Society. It is kept, after all these years, in a climate-controlled facility. Our very fine archivist, Eric Roth, sent word that if I set a time he would bring it up for me to see. What an experience! I stood in awe and almost disbelief as Eric very gently turned a page or two. 1645! Hardly believable. To think of its survival after passing from generation to generation. My two



HHS Archivist Eric Roth displays the 1645 Bevier Family Bible for Alta and her daughters Alice Hanson and Lois Bee
-photo courtesy A. Hanson

daughters shared this experience with me which made it even more meaningful.

If you remember, our genealogist Dale A. BeVier located the Bible and drove many miles to see it. He, too, stood in awe and somehow convinced its owners to donate it so it would be safe and available for all Beviers to treasure. A generous gift of our heritage to all of us now and for generations to come.

WRITE YOUR AUTOBIOGRAPHY -START TODAY!

By Peter Ross Elting

I finally started to write my autobiography. I tried to think back to the earliest time in my life that I could remember. Then I added thoughts that came after the first thing I could remember. Just an outline – more or less – nothing very formal. After all, this wasn't for my English teacher or any other class. It was just for my family and friends or so I thought. Just showing this start to a few people got them enthused to try doing the same thing.

One could try to make it humorous or serious but the big thing is to START. That's the hard part. But once started the thoughts and words begin to flow fast and easy, ah, more or less. As you proceed you will discover that you can remember more than you ever thought you could. You will write something down and your mind will think of other things that you haven't thought about for years! I found that my memory was more efficient than my original thoughts were about my life. As I said, The big thing is to START.

I'm up to page thirty-eight and still remember stuff that I haven't put in to my autobiography yet. I have just met my future wife in my writing. If any of you people kept a diary then you "have it made" as many young folks say. So, please, please get started. Your family will love you for it, especially if you mention some of the dumb things you have done. Which reminds me, I better continue mine as I still have six children, twelve grandchildren, and a great-grandchild to include plus their spouses.

So all you Eltings, Beviers, and "Wannabees" out there – **GET BUSY AND WRITE YOUR AUTOBIOGRAPHY!!!**

HELP WANTED! Please consider assisting your family association by filling one of the following positions:

Vice President - Bevier Duzine

Vice President - Programs

Newsletter Editor

Please contact President James Elting for details.

Welcome to Our New Members:

Howard and Carol Elting, Clinton, Utah
Richard Lundy, Exelsior, Minnesota

Our Condolences to the Family of

Robert Elting Sr., Riverview, Florida



Newsletter Submission Deadlines

Note: Candidates for election in October, 2001 should submit their information to the editor by May 15, 2001.

March, 2001 Issue	February 15, 2001
June, 2001 Issue	May 15, 2001
September, 2001 Issue	August 15, 2001
December, 2001 Issue	November 15, 2001

More New Contacts!

Do you rush to your mailbox everyday hoping for exciting news from old friends? Well, we do, too, but for us that means chasing off to the computer to check our email! Lately there have been several new contacts; folks who found our website and asked for a complimentary copy of our newsletter. When we mail them out, a BEFA membership brochure and the beautiful HHS brochure goes with the newsletter. In the last week, Jim Elting has met an eighth-cousin in Oklahoma and a sixth-cousin in Illinois. We hope they'll become members but meanwhile they're providing more information for the genealogies.

Did You Watch "NAPOLEON"?

If you watched this fascinating PBS series you no doubt noticed "our" late Colonel John R. Elting, noted military historian and Napoleon expert. Comments by historians were used to elaborate on points throughout the program. It was wonderful to see film of him, but it made us remember how much we miss him. The program is available on video, and PBS has a wonderful website about this production, which includes most of the narration and historians' comments. Click on www.PBS.org and check it out!

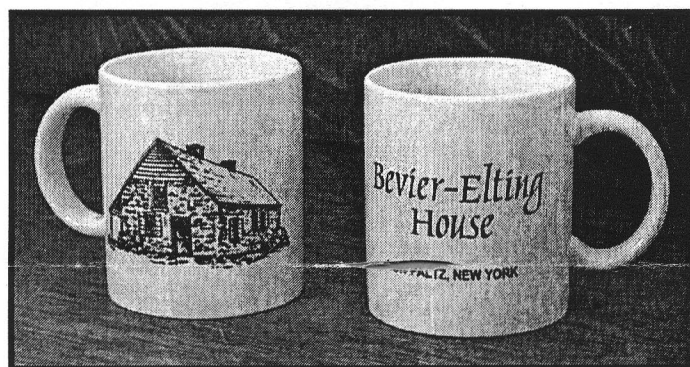
Annual Membership Renewals

Annual renewal notices are being sent out now. Starting next year notices will go out in October and be due by December 31st. Please don't put this on your "do it later" pile! Your dues are needed to support a very worthy cause --- ***your tangible connection to history!***

Membership Makes a Great Christmas Gift!

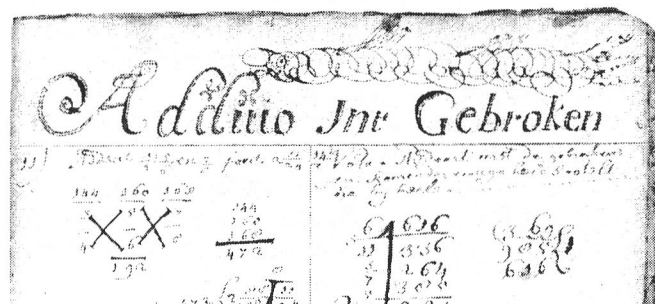
And while we're on the subject of membership, why not consider making membership in BEFA a Christmas gift to a sibling, child, grandchild, or great-grandchild? Even "history-buff" friends are welcome to join our family association. Do you know a Boy Scout? The HHS Museum Shop has beautiful badges for the Huguenot Historical Trail and an informative booklet to help the scout earn the badge. Even out-of-state scouts can earn their badges by using the booklet and taking a virtual "Walk Down Huguenot Street" on the HHS website.

There are still a few of the beautiful Bevier-Elting House coffee cups available. For only \$6 plus \$4 shipping per cup, these will make a great gift. To



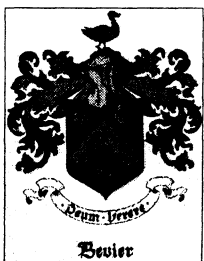
order yours, make your check out to BEFA and mail it to Edie Elting, 11514 Turnstone Court, Charlotte, NC 28226. If you wish, send a card to include and we will be happy to gift wrap them for you!

In Our Next Issue ...



"Ciphering Books Extracts" a display at the annual meeting which featured a sample of the work of Bevier and Elting students from the HHS collection.

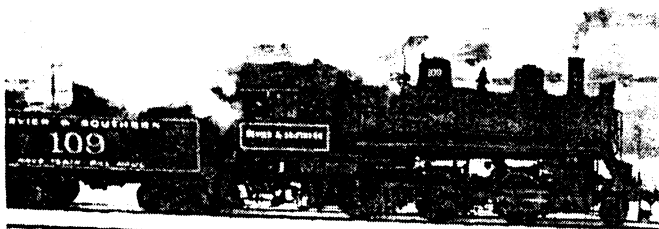
"A Church Controversy" between Kingston RDC and the Walloon Church in New Paltz.



Bevier Family News

"HAVE TRAIN - WILL HAUL"

Anyone traveling through the small and quiet village of Bevier, Missouri will notice an old steam engine on display with those words painted on its tender. Evidently the owner of the line was an early 50's Western TV fan and his play on the series title "HAVE GUN WILL TRAVEL," resulted in his logo. What's the story behind this engine? Well, it's a simple explanation, but still a proud heritage for the town of Bevier, located in Missouri's Macon County, five miles west of the county seat, also named Macon.



A few years before the turn of the century the rolling land south of Bevier was found to contain a number of veins of coal lying near the surface. Strip mine operations were begun and a washing-sizing plant was built near Ardmore, ten miles south of Bevier. The Bevier & Southern Railroad, a ten mile coal hauling line, whose home base was located in the sleepy village of Bevier, was a result of this coal operation. The coal had to be carried from the mines and processing plant to a mainline railhead, thus the B & S became a reality.

The railroad made its appearance on the scene in May 1898. The Kansas & Texas Railway was incorporated and branches were subsequently constructed from Ardmore to the two trunk lines in the area. One segment traveled northward to the Chicago Burlington & Quincy's Galesburg-Kansas City main line at Bevier. Another four mile line went eastward to Excello and connected to the Moberly-Des Moines route of the Wabash RR. For twelve years, beginning in 1902, the K & T was merged financially, but not operationally, with a lumber line in the Bayou State. The two



roads were then called the Missouri & Louisiana RR. The Missouri portion acquired the name **Bevier & Southern** in 1914 when the M & L was dissolved.

In 1955, the B & S achieved independent status when the Peabody Coal Company purchased the mining and processing properties. Mr. J. E. Agee bought the line and became the sole owner. He wore the hats of president, controller, and treasurer after

purchasing the operation. He had begun his affiliation with the road in 1918 as a clerk, became a director of the short line in 1936, and became owner in 1955. Sounds like a Horatio Alger story, doesn't it? Agee was a steam fan himself and always made the steam rail-fans welcome at his facility. They apparently flocked there from 1955 until the demise of the railroad, as it was one of the few remaining short line railroads with steam power in the decades of the 50's and 60's. Agee's guest register in that era read like the roll call of a rail-fan convention.

The general office of the Bevier & Southern was located in those days in a detrucked blue and white coach built by ACF in 1915 and once used to haul miners from Bevier to the mines. Under Agee, the B & S motive power roster ranked as one of the greatest concentrations of live, active steam locomotives in the USA during the 1960's. There was a four-stall engine house containing two Moguls and two Mikados – built for three different railroads. Furthermore, despite their ages of between 30 and 61 years in 1961, chances were on any given day at least three of the locomotives could be moved outside, serviced, and be ready for a day's work. In its heyday during the peak months of December, January, and February, the B & S delivered over 1500 cars of coal to the interchange track at Bevier. Today this is all a memory, but memories do live on!

Photo right: On a Dec. day in 1958, Q Mikado

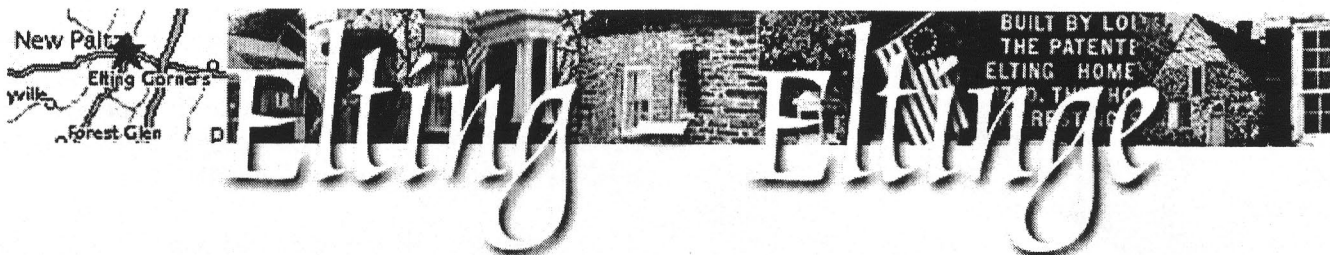


#4955 rambles backward over a B & S country grade crossing. Photo opposite column: Mogul #109 on the B & S races at 30 mph in anticipation of a grade climb ahead.

Note: Many thanks to Bruce E. Bevier and Vernon Dale Bevier for providing the material for this article.

BEVIER FAMILY GENEALOGY

The second edition of *THE BEVIER FAMILY* has been shipped to those who have purchased a copy. If you have not received your book, please inform me. Thank you all for your support during this monumental task. The research will continue. I have about six copies left if anyone else is interested. Dabevier@aol.com



Our Elusive Slechts

By Grace Elting Castle



It was Friday of our annual October Bevier-Elting Family Association meeting and we were off in a car caravan to visit the Old Dutch Church in Kingston. But first, a stop at Perrine's Bridge, an historic covered bridge just off Highway 32, as suggested by David Wiese. Lots of photos, kudos to David, a brief history lesson, and we were on our way again.

I had been at the church a couple of weeks before, with members of the Deyo Family Association, and some other special guests, and had discovered the names of, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Slecht prominently displayed in the foyer as two of the original church members. These were

the parents of Jan Elting's wife, the beloved Jacomyntje Slecht! So it was with much anticipation and excitement that I was bringing this group to the church.

Our group, comprised, of course, of Beviers and Eltings, thoroughly enjoyed the tour, even with a few glitches (the tour guide had written down the wrong day, but she has apologized

profusely, folks!) that were quickly remedied by the pastor's obliging wife.

For those who are descended from Jan and Jacomyntje, and that includes ALL Eltings, and a lot of Beviers, there is even more good news as a result of this tour: While at the church museum, I was allowed to look through their copy of the Slecht Family Genealogy---a document I had been seeking for many years, and I suspect many others have been, as well. As a result of that brief "peek", I have been in contact with the author/genealogist David Ladely in Seattle, WA.

Ladely is a most congenial genealogist, eager to share his information. Copies of his book are available to include the entire Slecht genealogy, or tailored to your instructions to include your own lineage and limited others. Ladely has told me that he had to hire a translator, as much of the previous work was done for the Dutch government---in Dutch. I'm hoping to have an article about the Slechts in a future issue of "The Historian."

Meanwhile, if you're interested in this genealogy, Mr. Ladely may be contacted by email: DaveLadely@aol.com, or write to him at David Ladely, 4012 3rd Ave. NW, Seattle, WA 98107-5001, Phone: 206-297-9557. He is also considering the possibility of making his work available on CD-ROM.

How Well Do You Know Elting History?

Answers from last issue:

1. The well at the Bevier-Elting House is 15 feet deep.
2. The original Elting Genealogist was Josiah Elting.
3. Victor Elting Jr. (photo left) was a Vice President at Quaker Oats Company when he retired in 1971 after forty years of service to the company.



WORD SEARCH - Word List:

BEVIER ◀ DEYO ◀ DUBOIS ◀ DUTCH ◀ ELTING ◀
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Notes From the Annual Meeting:

Howard Sacks gave a brief report on HHS and Huguenot Street. He described the Bevier-Elting House gable repairs that are needed. An amount of \$2800 has already been approved to assist with this project. The money is to come from the Homestead Preservation Fund.

The following slate of officers for 2001 was unanimously accepted:

President: James W. Elting, Charlotte, North Carolina; **Vice President, Buildings and Grounds:** Robert Lasher, New Paltz, New York; **Vice President, Miscellaneous Projects:** David Wiese, Hyde Park, New York; **Vice President, Elting Duzine:** Peter R. Elting, Naselle, Washington; **Secretary:** Grace E. Castle, Arlington Heights, Illinois; **Treasurer:** Alice K. Hanson, West Terre Haute, Indiana.

Officers are needed for the following vacancies: Vice President, Bevier Duzine, and Vice President, Programs and for Newsletter Editor.

The executive committee reported that by mail-in vote, the BEFA membership has accepted the bylaws as proposed, and the BEFA can now function under their structure.

There were brief reports on the two successful family reunions this past summer.

After discussion, members unanimously voted to work with HHS to add a small sign to the existing sign to identify the house as "Bevier-Elting House". If the cost is less than \$1,000, the BEFA board will act on having the sign made.

Due to rising costs this past year, income from dues did not offset the costs of operation for BEFA. After discussion, members voted unanimously to increase dues from \$20 to \$25 for individual memberships and from \$30 to \$35 for family memberships.

The "Outstanding Service Awards" for 2000 were given to Edie Elting for her work in establishing and maintaining the BEFA and HHS web sites, and the BEFA newsletter and brochure; and to Dale BeVier for his genealogical work and strong leadership in BEFA and HHS.

Grace Castle reported that the silent auction held during the meeting's luncheon raised \$327 for the Homestead Preservation Fund.

A brief report of the family genealogies revealed that the Elting Genealogy will be available in approximately 3 months and the Bevier Genealogy Update will be available in approximately 1-2 months.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Silent Auction Provides Fun and Funds

A special thanks to all who participated in the Silent Auction held at the annual meeting in October! Not only did we have a wonderful array of donated items to auction, but the members enthusiastically participated. The end result: \$327.00 for the Homestead Preservation Fund. We're hoping to make this an annual event, so check out the list of donations below and see what you might have to donate to the October 2001 meeting.

Kent and Nancy Wilson
Handwoven Fabric

Alta Koch
Books: Genealogy in America; Genealogical Books in Print; NHS Directory 1997; National Archives Book; Colonials & Patriots

Four prints of Alta's original oil paintings

Terry & Grace Castle
Huguenot Street Afghan

Barbara Sacks
County Directory of Jackson Co., MI

Vernon Bevier
Bevier & Southern Railroad Photo and Article

Marianne Bouma
Wooden shoe key ring; Dutch Diary; Dutch Puzzle; Holland Pen

Edie Elting
Bevier-Elting Box with cups, coffee, and screensaver; North Carolina Basket of Goodies

David Hanson
Two bottles of "Summer Thunder"

And, the HHS gave us two Huguenot Street replica bricks!

"Other things may change us, but we start and end with family."

----- Anthony Brandt

"One Family - Two Names" Annual Meeting - October 27-28, 2000



Some of the attendees gathered in the crisp fall air for the annual group photo



Wybo Veenstra, son of Marianne Elting Bouma, on his first visit to the U.S. from Holland

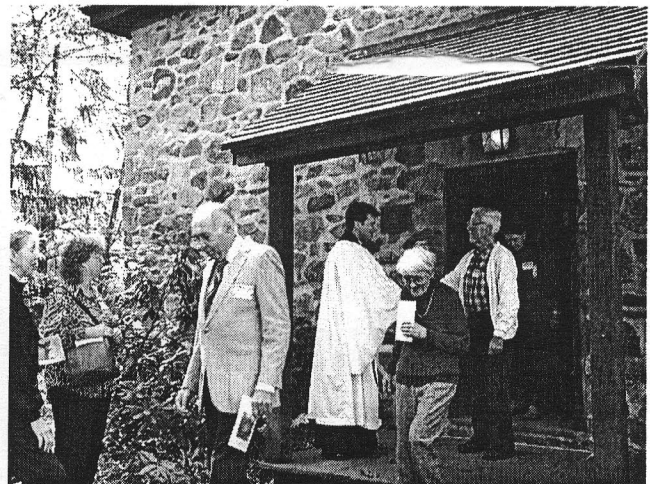


Alta Koch, with her daughters Alice Hanson and Lois Bee

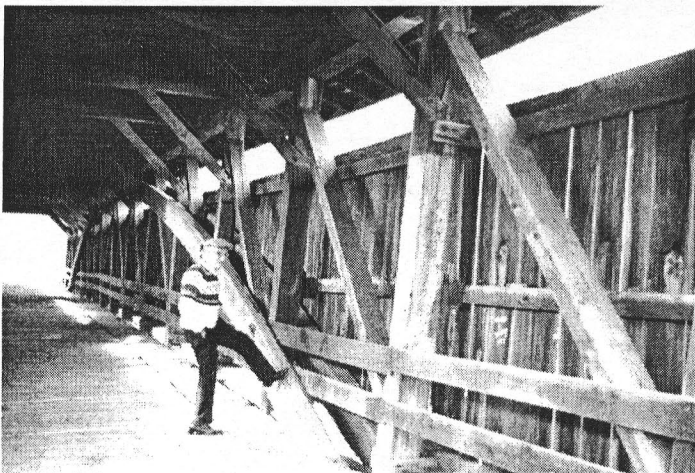


Bob Heisler, Jr. looks on as Peter Ross Elting and daughter Sarah show family photos to Grace and Terry Castle

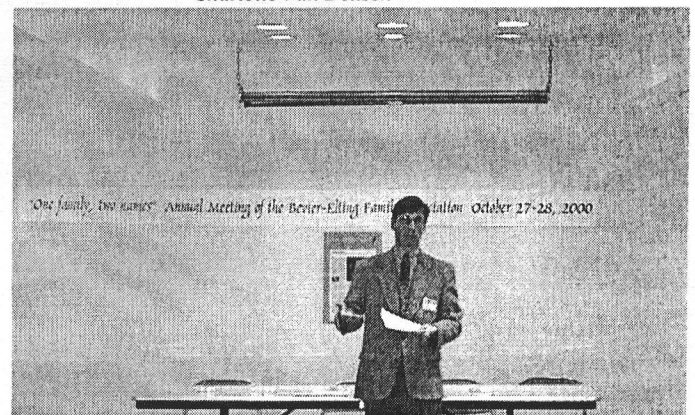
G. Castle and E. Elting photos



After the church service: (R-L) Lois Bee, Grace Castle, David Hanson, Rev. Nigel Massey, Jane Gehrke, Forrest Gehrke, and Charlotte Van Deusen



On the way to Kingston - David Wiese shows us Perrine's covered bridge



HHS Director Jack Braunlein outlines the year's accomplishments



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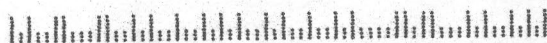
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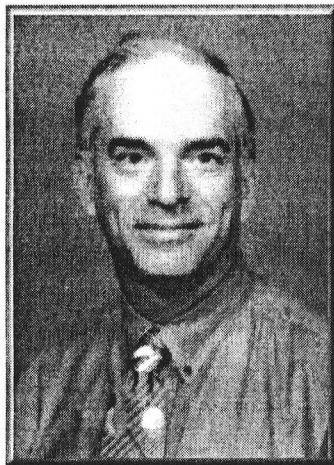
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Happy Holidays Everyone!

President's Message



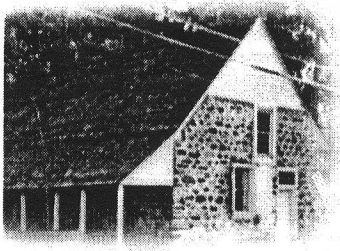
By this time you should have received information from the Huguenot Historical Society regarding their third annual appeal. I encourage each of you to support it generously. If you have not received the appeal information, please contact the HHS for a pledge card. The Society has accomplished great things in the last few years. Next year their plans include employing a cartographer to prepare bird's-eye views of Huguenot Street to assist visitors in finding their way around.

The damaged gable on the Bevier-Elting House will be repaired next spring with funding from HHS and the Family Association.

Your Family Association is in need of volunteers to fill the positions of Vice President - Bevier Duzine, Vice President - Programs, and Newsletter Editor. If you can spend a little time and energy filling one of these positions, please contact me. Email: JEltng2@aol.com; by mail: James Elting, 11514 Turnstone Court, Charlotte, NC 28226; or by phone or fax: 704-544-7559.

As the holidays draw near, Edie and I would like to wish each of you all the blessings of this joyous season and all the best the New Year has to offer.

-Jim



THE HISTORIAN

The Newsletter of the Bevier-Elting Family Association
An Affiliated Family of the Huguenot Historical Society

Edited by Edie Houlihan Elting

June 2000

THE PICTURE

by Judy Solomon Elting

There's something about this picture. It differs somewhat from the kind of pictures one usually sees that were taken during this era. Most photos from four generations ago reflect people with no expression, soberly staring at the camera, preserving their image for posterity. While we treasure all the family photos we have, this one is different, special.

Some of you may have completed the search for your ancestry. Others, like us, may be just beginning. Who we are and where we came from remains a question in the recesses of our minds. Early in 1997, we received a call from James Wallace Elting of Charlotte, NC. Jim spoke to us of genealogy, of New Paltz, of patentees, of migrations West and of his immediate ancestors, the Eltings of McDonough County, IL. He asked questions, he gave us bits and pieces of information and passed on to us his enthusiasm. We were hooked! Such excitement, but where do we start? Many visits to the library and courthouse produced connections to an illustrious and proud heritage. After months of phone calls, snail mail and e-mail, we met Jim and Edie face to face. They brought not only our Elting Heritage to us, but also several branches of the Elting family: James and Cora Beere Elting descendants from Iowa and Wilmont Raymond Elting's descendants from Illinois.



Charles Marion and Anna Anderson Elting

beyond belief. There had to be some of our own somewhere! We began the search for the person we later would call "our elusive William".

According to his birth certificate, Russell's father was William Lagerstedt Elting, the son of Charles Marion who was the son of Philip Henry Elting. We had William's age, and from Charles Marion's obituary, William's residence at the time of his father's death. Charles Marion died in Sedgewick County, Kansas. At that time, William was living in Prairie Grove, Arkansas. Starting with those locations, during the past two years we've written letters, surfed the net checking land records,

cemetery indexes, social security records, census records, posted queries, and requested look-ups as well continuing research through various state archives and genealogical societies. Hours of research producing only brick walls and no information.

"We walked that day where William walked..."

Persistence produces great rewards. An index for a cemetery in a Missouri county half way between Prairie Grove and Wichita listed a William L. Elting who died December 6, 1964, aged 84 years, 8 months and 19 days. Our William was born March 17, 1880. Same name, same age, same William? Surely it must be. In August of 1999, accompanied by Jim and Edie, we embarked upon a journey to Ozark County Missouri that would forever change our Elting Heritage, as we knew it. In a quiet little cemetery at Isabella Missouri, we paid our respects to William, his wife Lola, and the other Eltings laid to rest there.

Iowa Elting Reunion. Three small words that hardly describe the weekend of July 17, 18, and 19, 1998. This reunion was our first opportunity to finally come face to face with the Elting Family of Iowa or any Elting family for that matter. Pat was seven months old when his father Russell died. Russell had been separated from his father William at an early age. Pat has no recall of any Elting relatives. His sister Donna Jean has vague recollections, but never any real association with anyone other than maternal family members. To suddenly come face to face with Elting cousins, no matter how many times removed was

In an effort to locate other Eltings in the area, we questioned the local Postmaster. He knew nothing of the Eltings, but directed us to the former Postmistress who did. She shared with us colorful stories of William and his wife, their children, their lifestyle, and contacted the current owner of William's property. We walked that day where William walked. Though most of William's living descendants were no longer in the immediate area, we were directed to a grandson nearby. A phone call, a visit, bits and pieces of information from a grandson who was only five when William died. Information which provided an opening in the brick wall and a glimpse of Elting history. New memories to ponder, new people and places to investigate, new contacts to be made, more family!



William Lagerstedt Elting

***"I see the love of a husband and wife,
each for the other."***

March of 2000 would bring another revelation, this time from Florida. William's great grandson, Frank Harris, of Sarasota, had been searching for us too. He provided names, dates, and pictures of William, Lola, their children, grandchildren and other family members as well as a wonderful picture, the first we'd ever seen, of Charles Marion and Anna. Pat studied it and smiled. I cried. I wondered what they were looking down upon with such reverent expression. The family Bible perhaps? I see many things when I look at this picture. I see the love of a husband and wife, each for the other. I see a mother and father, hearts overflowing with fond memories of proud moments involving their children and family. In those hands, I see strength, gentleness, and a lifetime of hard work. I see faith. I see grandparent's eyes with a hint of sadness perhaps caused by never having the opportunity to share in the life of a young man who may have been their first grandchild.

We may never know the entire story of why William could not be a part of Russell's life, but with each new discovery we're one step closer. Each new discovery adds another chapter to the continuing search for our roots. Maybe I'm partial, but I think this picture is different. This one is special.

Slowly the mystery of "our elusive William" is beginning to be solved. We still have much to learn about the years between Russell's birth and William's passing. We may never have all the answers. We look forward to the Elting Reunion 2000, bringing with it the opportunity to walk where our forefather's walked, to renew acquaintances of those we've met before, to meet face to face those we've only heard about, and take our small place in Elting History. In the mean time, we continue the search back to our roots.

Photos courtesy Frank Harris, and Merilee Walters

Alta Says...

Tradition! Have I harped on this before? Tevya, in "Fiddler on the Roof" sings about it. It's not fair.



Tradition in family history can become fact in one generation. It seems that half of the family lines I've worked on supposedly have an Indian. Always a "princess" too. Much as I've tried, I haven't found any. Personally, I would be proud to claim a Native American in my ancestry.

Mother once asked me to stop research on one of her lines. She was afraid of what I'd find. I'd already found that the apple cart full of family stories which her grand mother had so conveniently told her children and grand children were pure fiction. They had become the fabric of one line of the family's tradition.

It's a common and normal trait among most people to hope all of their ancestors were paragons of virtue and to believe stories to support this hope. So, beware! That family tradition may be true, but I'd bet dollars to donuts that some where along the line it got embellished a bit.

"Not to know what happened before we were born is to remain perpetually a child. For what is the worth of a human life unless it is woven into the life of our ancestors by the records of history?"

--- Cicero, 106-43 BC ---

Stone House Day Volunteers Needed! August 19, 2000

As is the case with many non-profit organizations, we are in need of volunteers to make this site as successful as it can be. If you would be interested in volunteering some of your time and expertise, please contact Esther Deyo Aldridge, 342 Hurley Ave. 15-91, Kingston, NY 12401-2401.

Volunteers make it possible for this National Historical Landmark District, of which we are all so proud, to be available for the educational programs, tours, weddings, concerts and other special events which are held on Huguenot Street.

Volunteers for Stone House Day are needed for the following: House Guides, Stone House Day Ticket Booth, Ice Cream Booth, Help with children's events, Set-up and Tear-down, Relief Guides, and Parking.

Volunteers are also needed to staff the Bevier-Elting House, answer questions from prepared information and pass out Bevier-Elting Family Association brochures. If you would like to participate by sharing your heritage, please contact David Wiese, 10 Kilmer Ave. Ext., Poughkeepsie, NY, 12601, Phone: 914-471-1062.

Welcome To Our New Members

Audrey Bevier, Ohio
Marianne Elting Bouma, The Netherlands
William R. Elting, California

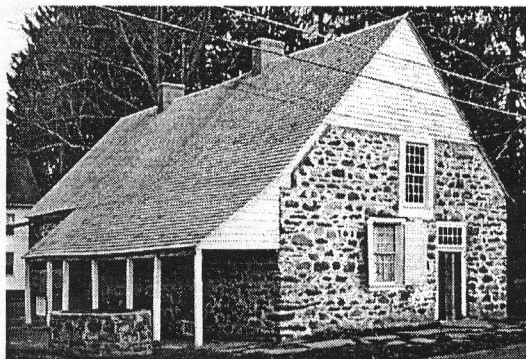
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Mary Jane Bevier Bramer
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They Have Left Us

We mourn the loss of *Thelma 'Isabelle' (BeVier) Cornell* of Plymouth, Ohio and Lake Worth, Florida; and *Col. John Robert Elting* of Cornwall-on-Hudson, New York.



BEFA Vice President Published In "Heritage Quest" Magazine

BEFA Vice President and frequent contributor to The Historian, Grace Elting Castle, was published in the March/April 2000 edition of *Heritage Quest* magazine. Her article, "The Twelve Families of New Paltz - A Source Not To Be Overlooked", highlights the genealogical impact of the New Paltz Huguenot and Dutch families. In addition to an historical outline, contact information is provided for each of the families' genealogists. Elting Genealogist, James Elting reports several new inquiries stemming from the article.

Grace sees it as her way of combining her interests with her talents in order to promote New Paltz. "It's difficult, living in the Chicago area, to find meaningful ways to contribute to the Preservation of our treasured New Paltz buildings and artifacts. I try to make that contribution by including mention of our Huguenot and Dutch heritage, and particularly New Paltz, in my writings. Genealogy magazines seemed the perfect venue for a story that presented our unique heritage with a genealogy slant. I was fortunate to pique the interest of the editor of *Heritage Quest*."

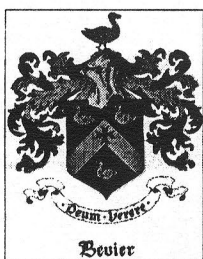
Grace is a private investigator and freelance writer and in this case combined those two careers, much to the benefit of the family associations and Huguenot Historical Society.

Combined Officers' Meeting

On April 1st in New Paltz the HHS Combined Officers' Meeting was held. Representing BEFA were President Jim Elting, Vice Presidents Grace Castle and David Wiese and Newsletter Editor/Webmaster Edie Elting. Separate meetings were held grouping the families' representatives to brainstorm ways to improve various functions of the Family Associations. Their ideas were then reported to the combined assembly.

The Internet and its use to promote interest and membership in the Family Associations and HHS became the main focus in each meeting. Many of the Family Associations, including BEFA, already have successful websites which serve to provide information about, and invite membership in, the Family Associations and HHS.

The photo at left, taken on April 1st, shows the Bevier-Elting House with recently completed chimney repairs. The well sweep at the time was missing. It was broken during a storm and has since been replaced.



Bevier Family News

BEVIER NATIONAL REUNION 2000

SATURDAY JULY 8, 2000

WAMPLER'S LAKE, WALTER J. HAYES STATE PARK IN ONSTEAD, MICHIGAN

Check our website at: <http://www.ellingweb.com/BevierReunion>

E-mail: marbru@mail.tds.net Fax inquiry: (517)-468-2451 Telephone: (517) 468-2451

or

Write to: Betty Bevier Vogel PO Box 374 Temperance, MI 48182-0374

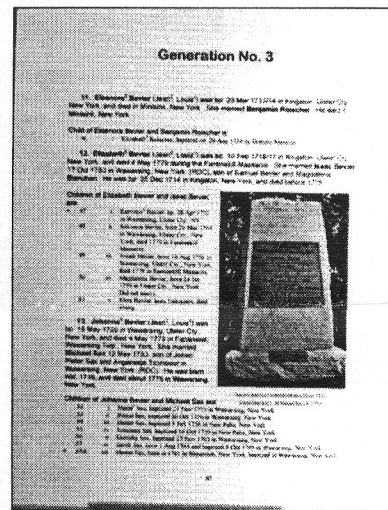
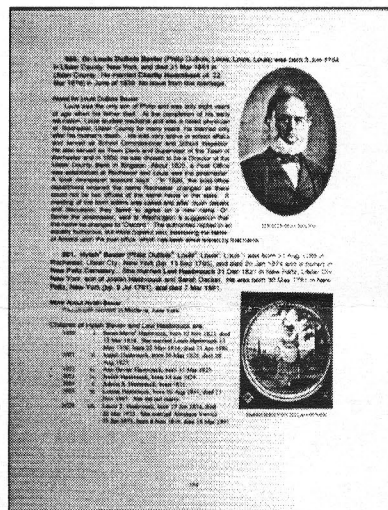
If you are arriving early, a Friday evening mixer is also planned. It promises to be a weekend of nostalgia, acquaintance and fun.



THE NEW BEVIER FAMILY GENEALOGY IS READY!

Brochures have recently been mailed to those pre-ordering the new Bevier family genealogy. At this time brochures are also being sent to all other family members that have contributed information for the new genealogy over the past five years. If you have not received a brochure, please feel free to use the order form at the bottom of this page. This offering of the new Bevier genealogy in hard cover will be limited to 200 copies, available on a first come, first served basis. There have been about 120 copies ordered at this time (5/12/2000). The binding of this edition will be a red hard cover with three lines of gold leaf print on the front and the name of the book printed on the spine. The binding consists of machine stitching of the highest quality. The paper will be 60-lb. white paper. The size will be a standard 8 1/2 X 11 inches. This genealogy is approximately two inches in thickness. The Bevier genealogy will be mailed to you by Priority Mail in a box.

There are 10,258 indexed names and several hundred names not indexed (the parents of spouses of Bevier descendants are included, but not indexed). Many Bevier family branches previously not connected to the family tree are added in this edition. The history of each family member written by Katherine Bevier in 1916 has been carefully reproduced in this volume. Also included is text material from Kenneth Hasbrouck's genealogy of 1970. The author and others have added several thousand new Bevier descendants and their histories. In addition, there are two American Bevier families not descended from Louis Bevier the Patentee, and a list of unknown or unconnected Beviers. The approximately 274 photos feature many from Katherine Bevier's genealogy of 1916, photos supplied to the author by descendants, photos from Anne Bevier Goin's *Family Matters* newsletter, photos taken by the author, and photos taken by other family members on various occasions. Every precaution has been taken to avoid errors in the genealogy. Upon receipt of your order, delivery will be processed promptly.



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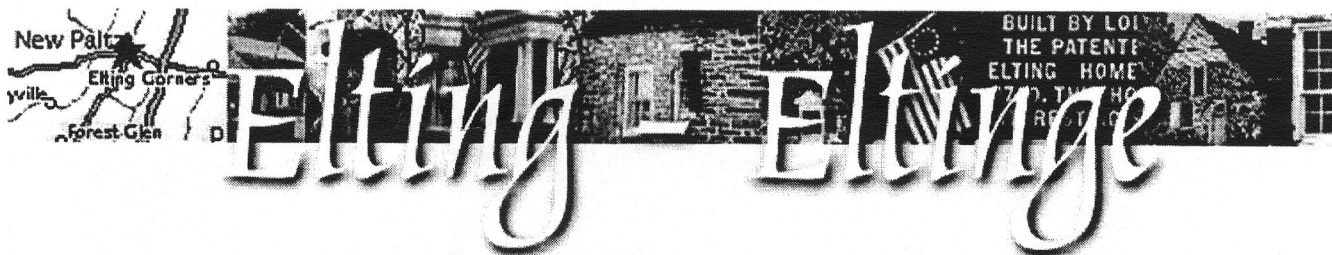
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Elting Reunion News

HELP!! Fight that "Elting" urge to leave things to the last minute! **REGISTER NOW** for the Elting Reunion. We need to know how many people to expect for each item on the schedule. If you need a registration form, get in touch with Grace Castle, 512 East Central Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005. Email: GECastle@aol.com; or call and leave a message including your complete name and address: 847-437-3966.

WINDOW DECALS: If you are driving to the reunion and would like a window decal with the reunion logo on it, please write to Edie Elting, 11514 Turnstone Court, Charlotte, NC 28226. Email: Elting@eltingweb.com. If you can send a stamp, that would be great! Even if you're not able to come to the reunion, let Edie know if you'd like a decal.

MORE REUNION NOTES: Be sure to get a "welcome packet" when your family arrives. Information about the area, self-guided tour details, activity/puzzle book, schedule of reunion events, etc will be included. For those who are staying at Williams Lake the entire time, the packets will be available upon your arrival. Those staying in other places should stop by Williams Lake and pick up your packet. If you only want a schedule of events, those will be posted at the Huguenot Historical Society office, and at the Kenneth Hasbrouck Family Association Building in New Paltz, and will be available at the New Paltz Chamber of Commerce.

DOOR PRIZES: Please bring something representative of your state to share as a door prize. They don't have to be wrapped.

REUNION WEBSITE: www.eltingweb.com/reunion

How Well Do You Know Elting History?

Answers from last issue:

1. Edmund Elting "conceived the idea of erecting at New Paltz a fitting monument to the Huguenot Patentees and early settlers..." The Huguenot, Patriotic, Historical and Monumental Association of New Paltz was then organized.

2. Lanetta Elting DuBois last lived in the Elting homestead now known as the "Bevier-Elting House."

3. More than 25,000 direct descendants of Jan Eltinge are included in the in-progress Elting Family History.

4. Capt. Abraham Elting and his son, Capt. Luther Elting were involved in the freighting business at New Paltz Landing. John Elting of Red Hook was a merchant with a line of steamboats running between Albany and New York City.



New questions:

1. How are the Bevier and Elting families connected?

2. Who originally lived on the property currently occupied by the Locust Tree Inn and the New Paltz Golf Course?

3. How many people will attend the Elting Family Reunion in New Paltz? Who will travel the furthest? Who will win the "Ancestor Open" golf tournament?

4. On February 19, 1953, the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations celebrated its 30th anniversary of service to the Midwest. Among the past presidents honored that evening were Adlai Stevenson and what Elting?

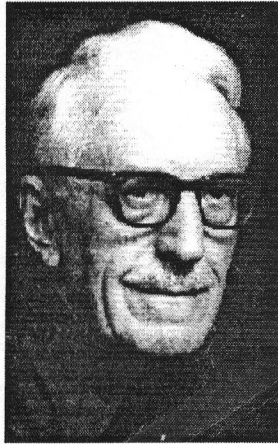
5. What Elting woman served from 1953 to 1972 as the director of cultural affairs at Lake Forest College in Illinois, bringing such cultural icons as Aldous Huxley, Robert Frost and her own friend Katherine Hepburn, to the school?

Never Forgotten - Col. John R. Elting

He's left us, our Col. John—our “master historian”, family patriarch, treasured friend.

He's left us, his beloved wife of 64 years, Ann; and innumerable relatives, friends and colleagues around the world. All will greatly miss him!

He came to New Paltz as a tourist, arriving on a long ago Stone House Day, and as he recently described it, “joined up (BEFA) and made myself useful.” Useful, indeed. Col. John served nearly a decade as president of our family association, diligently striving to “keep a roof on the house” and to build the fledgling organization.



Meanwhile, he was also continuing to build his world-wide reputation as the most respected scholar of all things Napoleon, and as a West Point educator, and writer on military topics, specializing in uniforms and the Civil War. His own military career, spanning the years from World War II through the Vietnam War, resulted in his receiving the Bronze Star, three Commendation Ribbons, the Purple Heart and the Legion of Merit.

We were blessed to have known this gentle man whose quick wit, ready sense of humor, “let's get to the heart of the matter” attitude, and insistence on the correctness of our endeavors, were guiding stars for these many years. Now his light will shine from our fond memories.

Our final salute to you, dear Col. John, is the pledge that future generations will honor your work by continuing the preservation of our treasured heritage.

Rest in peace.

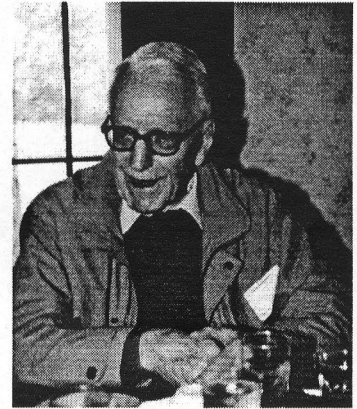
- Written for the family by Grace Elting Castle

Dear Bevier-Elting Cousins,

As a trustee of the Jacob Elting Burying Ground, and a friend of Col. John's I thought you might want to hear about his service. Col. John was a trustee for many years for the Jacob Elting Burying Ground on Huguenot Street in New Paltz where he was buried Wednesday May 31, 2000. This year we were planning to rebuild its' lovely old stone wall. Col. John wrote me " I'd prefer it done by the time I'll be moving in." Isn't that just like him to always have a

sense of humor and help us make decisions? I'm so glad I'll be living there with him one day.

The wall was built, the grass trimmed, the old cedar that has witnessed so many Eltings come home stood firm. Ann, Col. John's darling wife, came to send him off with his niece and nephews: his brother Paul's children, Andrew Elting and wife Diane from Littleton, Colorado; John Elting from Federal Way, WA; and Peggy Elting from Falls City, Oregon supported each other and Ann. His great nephews Nelson and Doug Brown drove all night to get there from Minneapolis. Bob and Marjorie Lasher, Kate Smith, and Wendy Witt were there with us. And from West Point Col. Doughty, a history colleague, and Major Figuerres, a former student inspired by Col. John, were there in their dress blues.



Col. John wanted no flowers or church service, but he did want taps played. An honorary color guard marched to the graveside and with extraordinary precision and slow care lifted their white-gloved hand in salute. And then we heard the clear call of taps, grounded and lifting. Wendy and I cried and held hands. Peggy put her arm around Ann. My how that bugle call lets the spirit go. Silence. The white-gloved hands slowly find their way to the soldier's side. The distant bugler raises his hand in salute. Moving with that same precision and respect the color guard lifts the flag from the coffin and crisply, exactly, folds the flag, giving us time to reflect on Col. John. This embodiment of his service and honor was presented to Ann with thanks for his life from the President of the United States and from all soldiers living and dead.

And aren't we all thankful to have known him? Blessings on the journey, - Dina DuBois



Col. John and Ann at the 1996 BEFA Luncheon

My memories of the HHS and the Bevier-Elting Family Association go back to the early 1950's when my Uncle Allan Bevier suggested that I become a life member of the HHS. It was not long after that he became the first president of the new Bevier-Elting Family Association and I of course became a member as well. It was not until the '70's that I started to attend meetings on a regular basis and that is when I got to know Col. Elting. It was then that I learned to truly appreciate the true meaning of the military expression 'an officer and a gentleman', for John was it's personification.

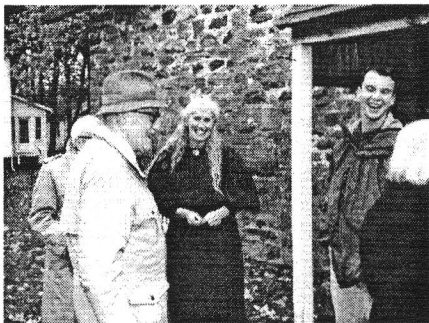
John had been serving as our Association President when I was asked if I would become a nominee for that position. I had the honor to be elected and I remember the phone calls and letters of encouragement and offers of assistance from him to help make the transition a smooth one.

I am sure that I share with others in our Association appreciation of his leadership, talents and generosity and the honor of knowing him as a friend." - Lou Witt



1984: Col. John with Jesse Elting DuBois

Though every moment with him was a treasure, my favorite memory is of Col. John presenting me with a



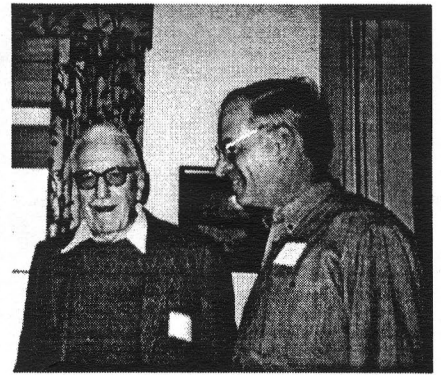
1997: Enjoying a laugh with Bob Lasher, Edie Elting, Chad Elting, and Marjorie Lasher at Jim and Edie Elting's wedding

bright orange maple leaf following Jim's and my wedding ceremony at the Bevier-Elting Homestead. A warm smile, a hug to match, and that wonderful voice: "Welcome to the clan, Edie!"

- Edie Elting

"...it was beautiful that we met him." - Douwe Elting

I can still see Col. John walking toward me in the dining room at Locust Tree Inn to meet me. His first words to me were, "I knew you had to be an Elting with that pretty blonde on your arm!" - Jim Elting



1996: Col. John meets genealogist Jim Elting



1998: Col. John and Ann with long-time friend, Grace Elting Castle

Col. John was the subject of the cover story of an earlier edition of The Historian. The article can also be found on the BEFA website. Click on "Our Family Association", then "The Best of The Historian".

On a bright, warm morning, family and friends of Col. John R. Elting gathered at the Jacob Elting Burying Ground on Huguenot Street to pay our last respects to him. Thousands of other relatives of all sorts were there in spirit with us. One rose and the first peony of the season from the bush by the Bevier-Elting House were placed on the casket. We haven't really felt that Col. John has left us.

- Wendy L. Witt



1999: Jim Elting introduces Col. John and Ann to Douwe Elting and Marianne Elting Bouma from the Netherlands.

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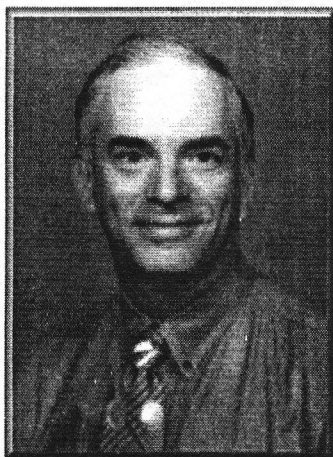
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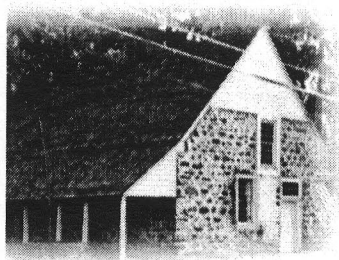
President's Message

The annual Combined Officers' Meeting was held April 1st in New Paltz. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet the officers of the other Family Associations, many of whom I have had email communication with. The main topic was how to promote Huguenot Street and our Family Associations better. Decidedly, the Internet is the way. New formats for literature were also discussed. It was a great beginning to an open dialog among the Family Associations that I know will continue.

Inside this issue is a very special tribute to Colonel John Robert Elting, who left this life on Friday May 26th. I met this fine gentleman at the first annual meeting Edie and I attended in 1996. For many of us, especially for myself, "Huguenot Street", "New Paltz", and "Col. John" are synonymous. You cannot mention one without talking or thinking of them all.

Col. John joined this organization to see how he could help. Well, he sure did help, by serving as our President for many years, and always offering insights and constructive suggestions. His leadership will be sorely missed. If there is one thing I know John would want, it would be to get all of our family members, Eltings and Beviers, to join us in our efforts to preserve our heritage by joining and supporting our Family Association. We are giving thought to an appropriate permanent memorial for Col. John. One suggestion is to plant a tree near the Bevier-Elting House in the future, but that will be decided later. If you would like to remember Col. John with a donation to the BEFA, it will be retained until the perfect memorial is chosen.

- Jim



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An Affiliated Family of the Huguenot Historical Society

Edited by Edie Houlihan Elting

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R E U N I O N !

ONE BIG REUNION

by Bruce BeVier

The front page of the Jackson (MI) Citizen Patriot, Sunday, July 9, 2000, said it all. Over 300 Bevier family members gathered, beginning Friday evening, July 7th, continuing Saturday, July 8th, and generally concluding with smaller family gatherings on Sunday, July 9th.



Gary Orlin Bevier, Yamhill, Oregon, knew he had arrived at the proper site when he spotted this banner in the trees, which has been used for several years to mark the annual event.

The parking lot at the Wampler's Lake site, Walter Hayes State Park, Onsted, MI, could have been at a national landmark, such as Yellowstone, or Mt. Rushmore; with license plates from Florida, Kentucky, New York, Missouri, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and on and on, not to mention Michigan. Twenty-one states were represented in the final analysis and one foreign country, Scotland.

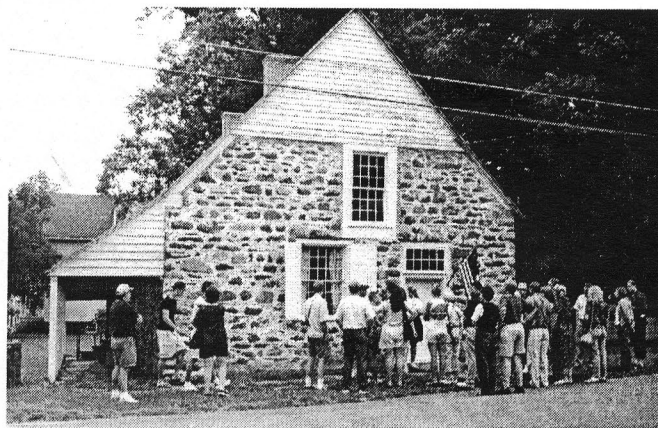
The gathering marked the first national reunion of the clan, which began when Louis Bevier with his

"Back to the Beginning" Reunion of the Descendants of James and Cora Elting

By: Grace Elting Castle

There was an Elting celebration in New Paltz the weekend of July 21-23!

The descendants of Roelif Elting, who came to New Paltz in the early 1700s to marry one of the Huguenot daughters, Sarah DuBois, were joined by descendants of Roelif's brother, William, in a weekend-long reunion. They came from across the nation (Oregon, Washington, California, North Carolina, South Carolina, Vermont, Maine, Massachusetts, Florida, Illinois,



"Back to the Beginning" Elting reunion attendees gather at the Bevier-Elting Homestead in New Paltz, New York, for a special "Elting tour" of the Huguenot Street stone houses

New Jersey, Missouri, Iowa, and, of course, New York) as well as from The Netherlands, original home country of the Eltings. Seventy Elting descendants, ranging in age from 10 to "80s" were in attendance.

Though organized as the regular reunion of

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bride, Marie LeBlanc, fled Europe in the late 1600's seeking religious freedom landing first on Staten Island before, as one of the original patintees, settling in what is now New Paltz, NY, and where still standing is the original stone house he built in 1694 called the Bevier-Elting house.

With a significant concentration of Bevier's (or BeVier's - both spellings are common) in Michigan, and with more than one immediate family gatherings already occurring, on some regular basis, the Wampler's Lake site was selected many years ago by descendents of Luther S. and Rachael (Hooper) Bevier as a traditional meeting spot. This year, 2000, these descendents served as the "Host Family" to this national gathering first conceived some three years ago when suggested by Dale BeVier, genealogist and past president of both the Bevier-Elting Family Association and the Huguenot Historical Society.



The Friday night mixer took place at the Elk's Lodge of Jackson, which is about 25 miles northwest of the reunion site, and was hosted by Louis and Jean BeVier of Jackson. Louis, a carpenter by trade, built this facility some years ago.

The Elk's Lodge in Jackson, MI, served as the gathering spot for over 70, mostly out-of-towners, for a "mixer" on Friday Night. Following a great buffet dinner, and entertainment by Dale and Helen BeVier, introductions were made all around, connections started to be made and continued -big time- all through the remainder of the week-end.

A set-up crew of local Bevier's arrived at the big reunion site at 8:00 AM Saturday, to set up tables, chairs, and rearrange public park facilities next to a permanent covered pavilion on beautiful Wampler's Lake. Great displays created by Anne Bevier and her husband, Frank Goin, were put in place along with a large selection of souvenir's, sold to help defray costs. By 10:30 AM the place was starting to gather with family members eager to get on with it. By noon the place was crawling with hungry guests. Following a great "Pot Luck" dinner, rated "Supreme", a short program was presented to sort of whet their whistles and get them in the continuing mood of reuniting. Following the invocation by the Rev. Richard Matson, Alden, MI, married to a Bevier descendent, the clan was welcomed by Anne Goin, Frankfort, KY, as well as Kim Bevier, Camden, SC, both host family members. Kim actually startled some of us with news that



Group shot from Saturday's picnic with Wampler's Lake in the background

our ancestors had Belgium connections, a new revelation. They heard a diary reading by Jackie Matson, a Bevier descendent, of her Gr.Gr.Grandmother's migration from New York to Michigan and heard of their hard times. They heard from Alta Koch, a regular contributor to "The Historian", who with her quick wit and sparkling eyes captivated the audience. Dale BeVier discussed his latest book, The Bevier Family, It's History and Genealogy. Greetings were sent to the family from Michigan's Governor John Engler, read by Clara Napier, Haslett, MI. As well a Special Tribute to the family was received from Michigan Senator Diane Byrum, in whose district many Michigan Bevier's reside, and again signed by the Governor as well as the Senator. Following the short program and benediction by the Rev. Dr. William A. BeVier, Shoreview, MN, and as the rented equipment was being stowed away the connections continued to be made with small groups lingering for hours to discuss "family matters".

Sunday, the big party over, the locals had gone to their homes to host out-of-towners from more immediate families on a smaller scale.

Final conclusion- "Family reunions are important because they instill a sense of heritage. So many people in this country don't have ties, and reunions help to instill family togetherness." (Quote from Dale BeVier). A member of the Jackson community, unknown to any of the Bevier's wrote to a local Bevier, whose picture was in the newspaper, to inform him that her family was meeting this summer for their 83rd annual family reunion. There will definitely be more. An organizational committee is in place, and among other things, three possible sites have already been suggested. Stay tuned...

See more photos on pages 8 - 9

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the descendants of the late James Henry and Cora Elting, in typical Elting fashion, it quickly grew to include “all interested persons”, with a special invitation to the descendants of William Elting, and a branch of the Roelif “tree” known as “the descendants of Jacob.” Jacob Elting was a grandson of Roelif, and is now remembered in New Paltz as the founder of the Jacob Elting Burying Grounds on Huguenot Street.

The reunion was headquartered at Williams Lake Resort in Rosendale, with special activities in New Paltz, conducted with the cooperation of the Huguenot Historical Society (HHS), and the Bevier-Elting Family Association.

Attendees were treated to a special “Elting Tour” of the Bevier-Elting House, the Freer-Low House, and the Jean Hasbrouck House because of the special significance of these homes to the history of the descendants of James and Cora. The tours, written by Grace Elting Castle, were conducted on Friday and Saturday by special Elting tour guides Edie Elting, Brinton Cary, Nancy Cary, Tari Utterback, Dina DuBois and Grace Elting Castle, accompanied by HHS guides.

There were self-guided cemetery tours to visit the burial sites of ancestors, lots of shopping at the new HHS Gift Shop in the DuBois Fort, and a Silent Auction with proceeds donated to the maintenance of the Bevier-Elting Stone House, and to the Jacob Elting Burying Grounds Fund. A special Saturday morning service at the Old French Church on Huguenot Street was held with attendees giving thanks for the opportunity to come together as a family, and to help preserve the historic treasures of Huguenot Street. Lora Buelow of North Carolina led the group in song, with prayers being offered by Pat Elting of Illinois, and Lee Elting of Michigan.

One of the highlights of the weekend was a Friday morning “Ancestor Open” golf tournament at the New Paltz Golf Course, former home and farmlands of the late Abraham and Dina Elting. Their great-great-great-great grandsons, Ralph Smith of Burlington, Iowa and Lee Elting of Detroit, MI, were among the tourney participants, as were their great-great-great-great-great-grandsons, Brinton and Ty Cary, and Kyle Utterback, all from Oregon. The event was organized by Edie Elting of North Carolina.

On Saturday evening, the attendees signed a petition addressed to the Huguenot Historical Society asking that the sign at the Bevier-Elting House be changed to include the Elting name, rather than just

"Bevier House." The petition was presented to BEFA President Jim Elting for follow-up with the HHS Board.

Among the special guests introduced during the weekend's events were Eric Roth, HHS Archivist and Librarian; Douwe Elting who traveled from The Netherlands; Brace Pattou of Chicago, Illinois who has been actively writing the history of his Elting family branch; Dina DuBois, President of the DuBois Family Association; Esther Aldridge, President of the Deyo Family Association and a member of the HHS Board of Directors; James W. Elting, president of the Bevier-Elting Family Association, and Elting family genealogist; Edie Elting, who is the webmaster for the HHS and several of the family associations, and editor of the BEFA newsletter, *The Historian*; and Kate Smith, also a member of the HHS Board. DuBois, Aldridge and Smith are also Elting family members. Though not able to attend, Bob and Marjorie Lasher of New Paltz, NY; and Elizabeth Liby of Burlington, IA, are members of the Elting family, and were remembered at all events.



The grandchildren of James and Cora Elting

For many of these Eltings, this was their first trip to the home of their ancestors. It was, at times, an emotional experience as they began to realize the sacrifices made by their ancestors to establish the little village of New Paltz in the wilderness along the Wallkill. It was, also, an opportunity for them to appreciate the work that was done by future generations to preserve the historic stone houses, and to realize the connection between the village of New Paltz and the history of this nation.

This family reunion is held every two years, usually hosted by a grandson or granddaughter of James and Cora. This year it was hosted by their granddaughter, Grace Elting Castle of Arlington Heights, IL and her family from Oregon and Illinois, with great assistance from Edie Elting. The 2002 event will be hosted in Seneca, South Carolina by granddaughter Brenda Haguewood and her husband, Sonny.

See more photos on pages 10-11



Alta Says...

In an issue of the *Historian*, Edie Elting wrote about "Elting-ness" and about the instant feeling of kinship upon meeting. The very same thing can be said about "Bevier-ness." There is no describing the feeling of warmth and sense of belonging. It matters not a bit that two can be 5th, 6th or 7th cousins once removed. We are family, and that feeling of kinship is there.

I believe that most of you have worked on other family lines. But if you are like me, you find yourself identifying with one special line. For me, that line is definitely Bevier, although I researched and did a book on "*300 of Cecils in America- 1665-1971*" (Cecil was my maiden name). My younger grandson, a doctor, identifies with the dual line, Bevier-Gillett. Could it be because there are more than a smattering of doctors in both lines?

Some time ago, I read of an interesting incident that occurred in England. A skeleton of 9,000 years had been found near Cheddar, GB. Using DNA from a tooth, they found an identical match in a school teacher in Cheddar only half a mile from where the skeleton was found. It is the longest human linkage ever traced. They would have shared a common ancestor. Related!! It boggles the mind.

Alta... Still Talking...

I have received my copy of Dale Andre BeVier's genealogy of the Bevier family. I believe I have a very adequate vocabulary but I find it lacking in enough superlatives to describe my opinion. I value knowing not only when ancestors were born, married or died, but also who they were, what they did, and where they lived. Dale has done that, and yes, because of that the book is big, but oh so much more valuable than just rosters of names bracketed by dates. It is by far the best genealogy I've ever seen. I could only check my own line for accuracy and can only presume that other lines are just as correct. And so, Dale, lacking enough superlatives I

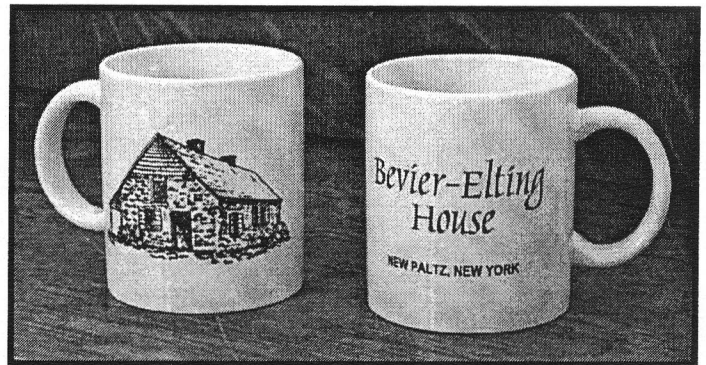
simply say, "thank you for your wonderful book on Beviers."

Welcome New Members!

Sandy Nye - Grand Blanc, Michigan
 Lora Buelow* - Seven Lakes, North Carolina
 Tillie Fischer* - Sandwich, Illinois
 Edwin Shawn Elting* - Chillicothe, Missouri
 Orluf Raymond Elting* - Rehoboth, Massachusetts
 Bernie and Constance Elting* - Pocahontas, Illinois
 Ralph and Deb Smith* - Burlington, Iowa
 Lee and Sue Elting* - Southfield, Michigan
 * joined during Elting Family Reunion

We Gratefully Acknowledge The Following Donations:

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NOW AVAILABLE!

Limited quantities of the beautiful coffee mugs pictured above are now available through the Bevier-Elting Family Association. These are the wonderful mugs that BEFA provided to each reunion committee for fund raising to help with expenses. If you missed getting yours at this summer's reunions, now is your chance! At only \$6 plus \$4 shipping per cup, these will make wonderful gifts while aiding the Homestead Preservation Fund. Order yours now by mail or save on shipping and pick them up at the October meeting in New Paltz.

To order contact:

Edie Elting, 11514 Turnstone Court, Charlotte, NC 28226, or email: Edie@eltingweb.com

**The Annual Bevier-Elting
Family Association Meeting
and Reunion is Scheduled
for Friday and Saturday,
October 27 - 28, 2000. See
the special insert in this
edition of The Historian for
details.**

***We look forward to seeing you
there!***

Silent Auction Planned at Annual Meeting

A special fundraiser is planned for our annual meeting. A Silent Auction to benefit the Bevier-Elting House Maintenance Fund will be conducted during the lunch hour on Saturday, October 28.

There are two ways to participate in this fun event: (1) donate an item to be auctioned (something from your state or city, a New Paltz item from the HHS gift store, an art or craft item) and (2) participate in the bidding. The more items, and the more people bidding, the more fun it'll be, and the more money we'll raise for the House.

A Silent Auction at the Elting Family Reunion this past summer raised nearly \$200 for the fund, and an equal amount for the Jacob Elting Burying Grounds Preservation Fund.

The bidding rules are simple. Bid sheets will be placed in front of each item. Most items will have a minimum bid. You can stroll by, check out the items, then put your name and bid amount on the sheet. Someone else will come along and bid more. You can then re-bid, if you wish. The last name on the list at the end of the announced time limit gets to buy the item.

Start saving your coins, and set aside something to donate!

STONE HOUSE DAY

By: David Bevier Wiese

Stone House Day was beautiful, more like fall than summer, clear day, ideal for visitation, resulting in happy visitors, cheerful volunteers, and favorable impressions for Huguenot Historical Society. Vice- President David Bevier Wiese was in charge of recruitment and supervision of volunteers for each room in our house. Many thanks to the following, who volunteered their services: V-P's David B Wiese and Robert Lasher and family members Mr. Donald Hadden, Mrs. Donald Hadden (Pauline), Mrs. Brenda J. Klaproth, Mrs. Emily Johnson, Mrs. Kathleen Smith, Mrs. Debbie Spencer, Ms Sara Sogut, Ms Charlotte VanDeusen, and Mr. Paul Westbrook. We had a good crowd, lots of knowledgeable and inquisitive children, and a very busy house. Last minute volunteer cancellations were adequately covered.

Thanks to all the volunteers!

Bevier House Temporarily Closed

Due to a temporary closure of the Bevier House in Marbletown, we are unable to schedule a tour there during our annual October meeting. The building is closed for restoration.

Our Condolences

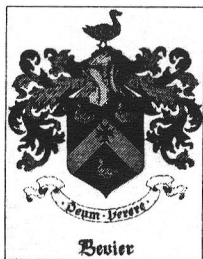
To the family of Barbara Smith Buys, who passed away in June.



A Note of Heartfelt Thanks

*My sincere thanks to the Bevier-Elting
Family Association and all the wonderful
friends who sent beautiful flowers, cards and
emails and called to wish me well during my
recent surgery and recuperation.*

-Edie Elting



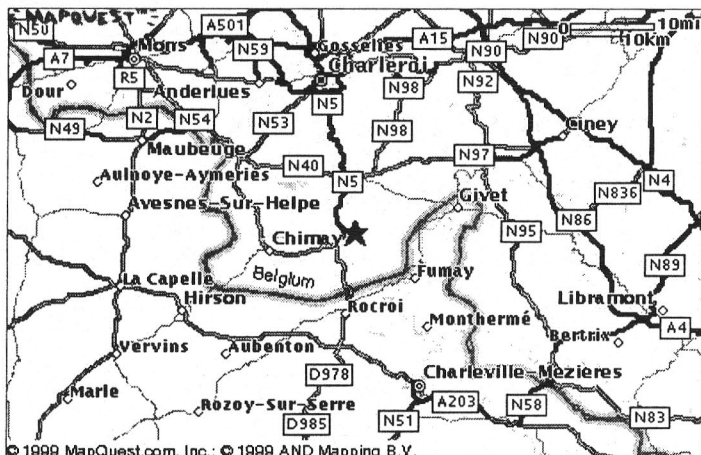
Bevier Family News

EUROPEAN BEVIER FAMILY RESEARCH

The first attempt to find definitive information about the origin of the Bevier family in general, and the forbears of Louis Bevier in particular, has come to a close. Ms. Catherine Noth, our French genealogist has completed her planned research and written a report concerning her findings. Catherine is pictured at the right of this article in traditional French costume with Barbara Bevier Sacks. The photo was taken while Barbara and Catherine attended the genealogical convention in Providence, Rhode Island last May. Barbara traveled from her home in Hartford, Connecticut to meet with Catherine during her stay in the USA. Barbara reports that Catherine is a charming and sophisticated lady and they enjoyed dinner and conversation together. Barbara has also been active in tracking down information about the Bevier family on the Internet.



While conducting her Bevier family research, Catherine traveled to Paris, Speyer and Mannheim, Germany, and Belgium. A great deal of her information was gathered from the Internet and knowledge obtained from her fellow European researchers. Basically, her findings were



inconclusive, but she did trace many early branches of the Bevier family. The most surprising finding was the fact that some Beviers immigrated to the Mannheim, Germany area from such diverse places as Moscow, Russia and Sweden. She has determined that at least three different Louis Beviers were living in Germany in the general time frame our Louis Bevier resided there. Her main finding, however, is that most of the Bevier family members came originally from the area in and around what is today Chimay, Belgium. Notice on the map to the left that it is close to the French border and not far from Lille, Rocroi, or Nismes. She has pinned down the origination of the Bevier

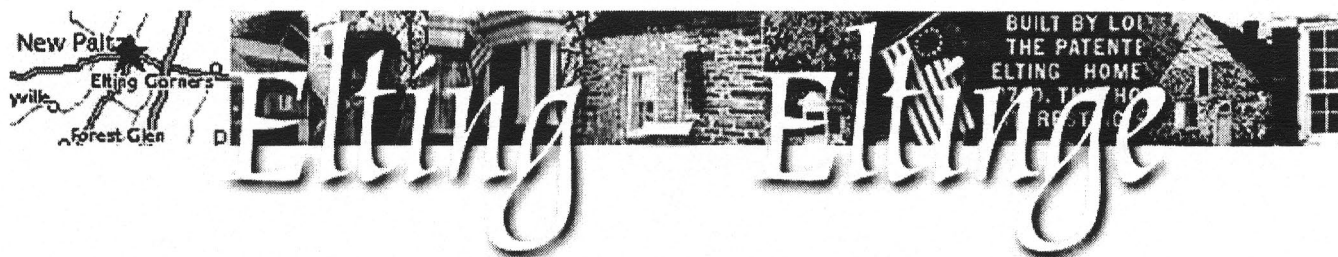
family to this general area although no direct connection with our Louis Bevier the Patentee has been made. For more information, visit her Bevier page on the Web at: <http://perso.club-internet.fr/noth/7/966Bevier/>

LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE A COPY OF THE NEW BEVIER FAMILY GENEALOGY

The first edition of the Bevier Family genealogy sold out in about six weeks much to the surprise of the author. Because of the demand for more of these genealogies, the author has decided to print a second edition that will be sold by reservation. At this time approximately 110 reservations have been made and the book will go to the printers on or about September 1st. Those who have made reservations will probably have received a brochure and order blank by the time you read this. The author plans to print about ten extra copies this time, so if you have missed out and would like a copy of the genealogy, write, phone, or e-mail the author. The second edition will contain some additions and corrections obtained since the first edition was printed. The genealogy will make a special Christmas present. Think about giving your children or grand children a copy of their family history. This present will be cherished forever by its recipients.

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Telephone: (352) 748-6150

e-mail: Dabevier@aol.com



How Well Do You Know Elting History?

Answers from last issue:

1. How are the Bevier and Elting families connected? The obvious answer is the Bevier-Elting House, built by Louis Bevier and later owned by the Elting family until they donated it to the Huguenot Historical Society in 1963. Soon after that, the Bevier-Elting Family Association was formed to "preserve and maintain the homestead". Though the Eltings were Dutch, their descendants married the descendants of several Huguenot families, among them the descendants of Louis and Abraham DuBois, Hugo Freer, Pierre Deyo, Louis Bevier; giving many Elting descendants both Dutch and Huguenot blood. Through the Bevier-Elting Family Association, we share the common connections of a beautiful stone house and a solid heritage.

2. Abraham and Dina Elting originally lived on the property currently occupied by the Locust Tree Inn and the New Paltz Golf Course.

3. Seventy people attended the reunion from as far away as Oregon and The Netherlands. The team of Ralph Smith, Lee Elting and Edie Elting won the "Ancestor Open Golf Tournament" with a score of one under par.

4. Victor Elting and Adlai Stevenson were past presidents honored in 1953 when the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations celebrated its 30th anniversary of service to the Midwest.

5. The late Ruth Elting Winter served from 1953 to 1972 as the Director of Cultural Affairs at Lake Forest College in Illinois. In 1990, the college initiated the Ruth Winter Lecture Series to honor her many contributions.

New questions:

1. How deep is the well at the Bevier-Elting House?

2. Who was the first Elting Family genealogist?

3. Which Elting worked for Quaker Oats Company, retiring in 1971 from the position of President of it's advertising subsidiary?

Reunion T Shirts Still Available

The tee shirts with the Elting Family Reunion logo (right) were very popular, but there are a few adult large and extra-large left. If you would like to have one or if you forgot to pick up your order at the reunion, contact Edie Elting, 11514 Turnstone Court, Charlotte, NC 28226 or email Edie@eltingweb.com. The cost is \$17 including shipping.



The Fun Continued...

After the wonderful Elting reunion in New Paltz, Jim and Edie Elting returned to Charlotte, North Carolina with a very special guest, Douwe Elting of the Netherlands (far left in above photo). Douwe has become a much-loved member of our family. Those attending last year's meeting will remember his first trip to New Paltz with his cousin, Marianne Bouma. Both have become members of BEFA, and Marianne might be joining us this October with her son. We can't wait to see her again!

Also in the photo above: Jim and Edie Elting (center) and Patrick and Judy Elting (right). Judy has contributed several times to *The Historian*, most recently with last issue's wonderful cover story, "The Picture".

ONE BIG REUNION - JULY 7 - 8, WAMPLER'S GROVE, ONSTED, MICHIGAN



The Wampler's Lake site has been the traditional annual reunion spot for the descendants of Luther S. and Rachel (Hooper) Bevier for as long as many of those who worked on this reunion can remember



Clara Napier, a member of the host family, was instrumental in securing a "Welcome" from the Governor of the state of Michigan, which she read to the assembled group with members of the reunion committee looking on.



Alta Koch, matriarch of the Bevier-Elting Family Association, proudly surveyed the scene and literally captivated the entire group assembled for this reunion with Bevier related stories which she had personally researched by digging through old records and pictures, stating that she does not use computers. She was a very, very proud and important part of the entire program.

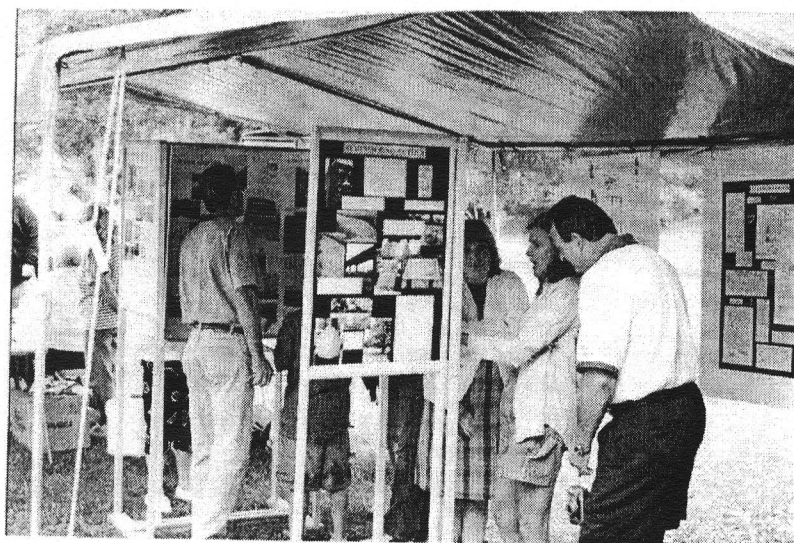


Making connections at the Friday night mixer

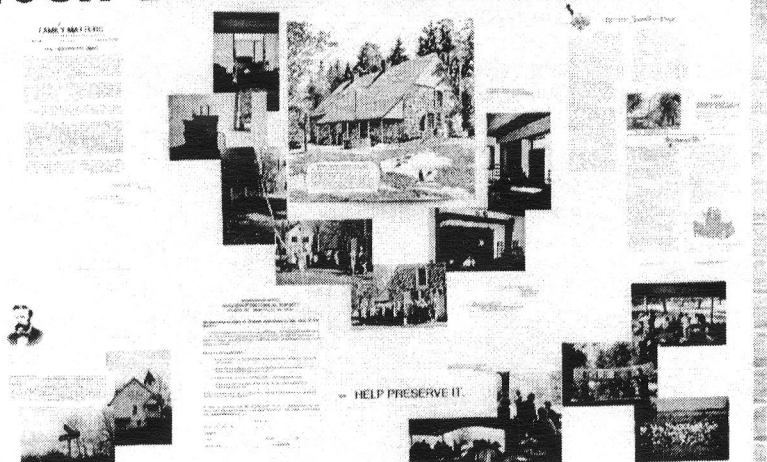


Alta shares a happy moment with Bevier Genealogist, Dale BeVier

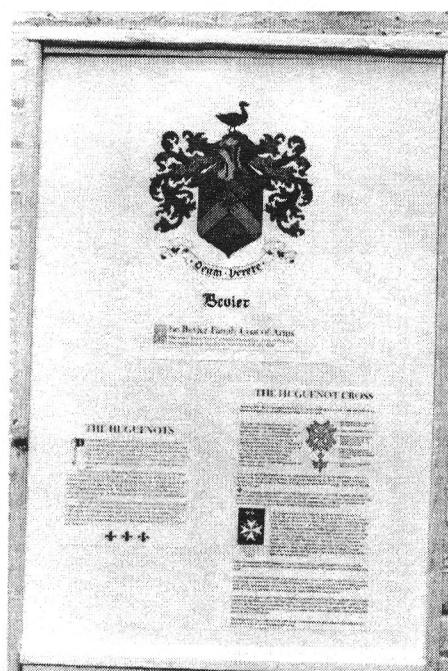
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YOUR BEVIER HERITAGE IS...



Anne Bevier Goin, pictured with a fabulous group of displays she and her husband, Frank, created as a result of careful and exacting research for her personal newsletter, Family Matters, and other possible publications.



All Bevier Reunion photos provided by:

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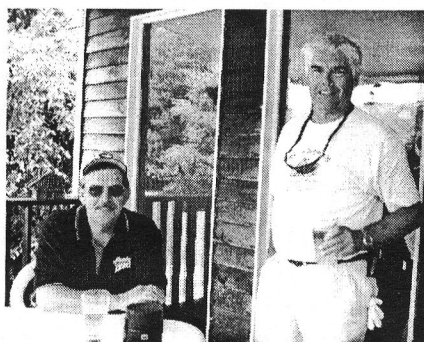
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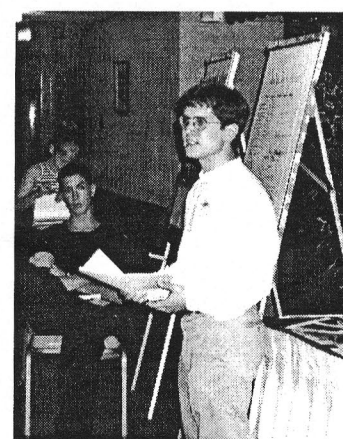
One of many wonderful dinners together at Williams Lake



For many, a first visit to the Bevier-Elting House



At the "Ancestor Open" Golf Tournament



HHS Archivist Eric Roth answers questions for the appreciative group



Taking a look at the draft of Jim Elting's Elting Family History and Genealogy



After a meaningful gathering at the French Church to give thanks for the opportunity to be together as a family, Dina DuBois gives a special tour of Spirited Huguenot Street at the DuBois Fort



A chance to renew friendships

Back to the Beginning - July 21-23, New Paltz, NY



*The "cousin's
kids" - and
some of
their kids*

*Instant
connections*



Finally we meet!



A Silent Auction treasure



Noting a child's resemblance to his ancestors



Donna's family



Cousins!

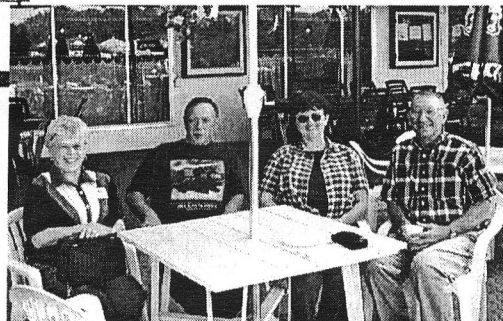
Elting Family Reunion



It was worth all the work!

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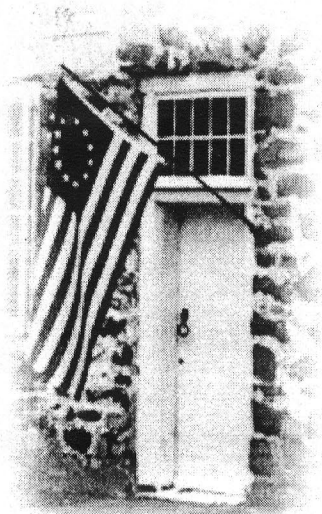
*Aunt Liz, Bob and Marjorie -
we missed you!*



*Our last morning together - it was too hard
to say goodbye. So we just said, "See you in
South Carolina in two years!"*

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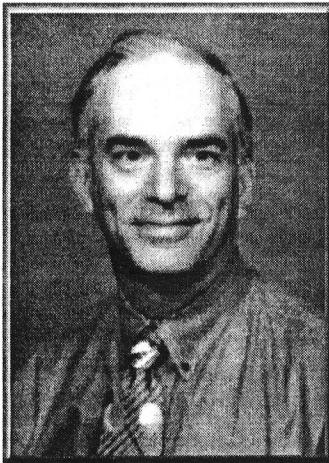
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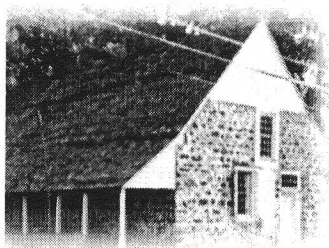


Well, here we are again! October and our Annual Family Reunion and Meeting are approaching. Each year, I look forward to this month. The colors around New Paltz, NY are really hard to describe unless you are an artist. The bright yellows and magnificent reds all mixed in with greens and other hues. I hope to see you at the meeting this year. Please complete your reservation form and return it to Grace Castle promptly.

Earlier this month, I inadvertently sent out the wrong set of "proposed" bylaws to each of you, and I apologize for any confusion this created. We are including the proper set and a new ballot along with the current issue of "The Historian". The "postmark" date has been revised to allow a second mailing to you. I encourage you to mark your ballot to accept these bylaws and return the ballot promptly.

Our Vice-President - Bevier Duzine, Anne Goin, has recently resigned. She has been in that position since 1996 when she joined the BEFA. We hope an energetic candidate will step forward to fill this role. I hope we will see her in New Paltz at our annual meetings from time to time.

-Jim



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A Church Controversy

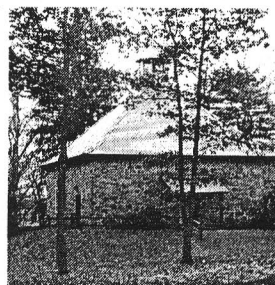
By Alice Hanson

The French Church at New Paltz was called the Walloon church. It was particular in the respect that for 70 years it was not subject to any authority other than its own members. The records, in French, then Dutch and finally, English are still in existence.

As early as August 1683, the church was organized. Records show that Louis Dubois was elder and Hughe Frere was deacon of the new French Reformed Church at New Paltz. In 1690, Hughe Frere was listed as elder and Louis Bevier as Deacon, and they remained in these offices until their deaths. Pierre Dailie and David Bonrepos were ministers between 1683 and 1700. In about 1720, a substantial stone church was erected; although there is no record of a minister from 1700 to 1733. During that time, baptisms were done at Kingston. When no minister was available in New Paltz, a sermon was read in French, as many did not speak Dutch. People made the long trip to the Kingston Dutch church for baptisms and occasionally for services during the absence of ministers in New Paltz. French ministers were just not available and the Walloon Church had no claims on the Dutch Church for its ministers.

Meanwhile Dutch families began moving to New Paltz and by 1727, Sunday afternoon services were in Dutch. In 1733, John Van Driessen as accepted as the minister. He came to New Paltz several times a year and installed a consistory. The Kingston

Church opposed him saying New Paltz was a part of its church instead. By 1736, he was gone and for 16 years, New Paltz was again without a regular pastor.



The Old French Church

The problem escalated in about 1750 when the Dutch Church at Kingston declared to the Classis of Amsterdam that the New Paltz Church was not an independent organization but was instead a part of the Kingston Dutch Church. They declared that Van Driessen was not a legally ordained minister of the Dutch Church and that no consistory existed at New Paltz.

New Paltz residents who had been attending the Kingston Church before and after Van Driessen's departure and who had paid their share of the monies needed for its operation were denied communion.

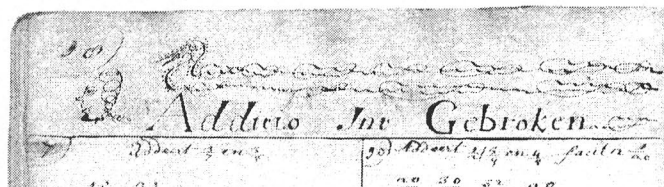
Samuel Bevier and Daniel Hasbrouck answered this charge by stating that the New Paltz Church, as a French Reformed Church, had never been part of the Kingston Church. However, they were willing to for the New Paltz church to temporarily join with the Kingston Church for the support of a minister from Europe. The case was settled when the New Paltz

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Ciphering Book Extracts Displayed at Annual Meeting

Prior to the October meeting, BEFA ordered copies of several pages from ciphering books for display at the meeting. Kristin Raab, HHS Library Assistant, assembled the extracts and provided the following explanation of the collection.

The extracts displayed come from ciphering books in the HHS Archives collection. Because students learning disciplines as varied as mathematics, handwriting, spelling and surveying used them, ciphering books are an excellent source for documenting the early history of education.



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A Church Controversy, cont.

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Church was indeed declared independent and a consistory was then installed. The Kingston Church didn't take defeat lightly; saying that the monetary support they had received from New Paltz people had indeed made New Paltz a part of the Kingston Church. They threatened to take the decision to the Synod if necessary. However, the Classis of Amsterdam accepted the New Paltz Church as independent of Kingston and acceded to its request for an ordained minister of the Dutch Church. Rev. Barent Vrooman's arrival in 1751 effectively ended the existence of the Walloon Church in New Paltz and the Beginning of the Dutch Church in New Paltz.

The preceding information was found in 2nd edition of "History of New Paltz New York and Its Old Families" published in 1909 by Ralph Le Fevre

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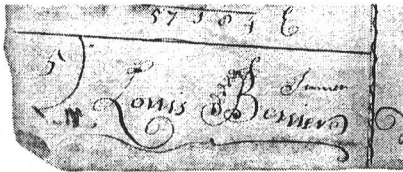
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Louis Bevier Ciphering Book, 1734-1739

Included in this ciphering book are accounts and legal documents.

Louis Bevier (B-30) was born on April 29, 1717 to Louis Bevier and Elizabeth Hasbrouck, he was baptized at the Kingston Reformed Dutch Church on June 9 of the same year. On October 10, 1745 he married Esther DuBois, daughter of Philip DuBois and Esther Gumaer. Together they had five children.

Louis became a member of the Foot Company of Captain Daniel Brodhead in 1738, but went on to become a prominent surveyor in Ulster County. At Marbletown Louis served as Town Clerk, Assessor, Trustee, Justice of the Peace and Supervisor. Louis is also listed as a member of the building committee for the Reformed Dutch Church in 1743. He also served as Deacon in 1753 and later as an elder at the church, Louis was involved in the Coetus-Conferentia dispute, siding with the Coetus faction, which favored centralized control of the church from the Classis at Amsterdam, as opposed to a more localized for of church government centered in the New World that was favored by the Conferentia party. He died on September 29, 1772.

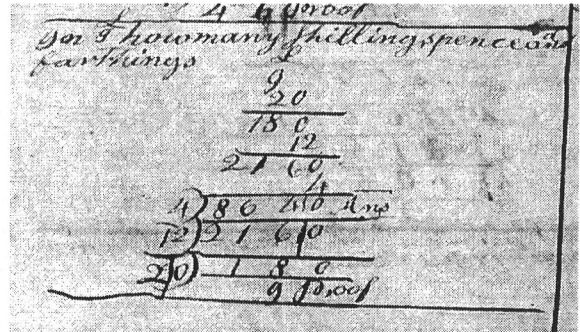


Maria Elting Ciphering Book, 1799

This book chiefly contains mathematical exercises, including addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Ciphering Books, cont.

Maria Elting (D-51) was born March 9, 1758 to Cornelius Elting (C-22) and Blandina Elmendorf. On January 6, 1807 she married Louis Bevier, who's ciphering book is also highlighted in this collection. Together they had nine children. She died on January 1, 1859



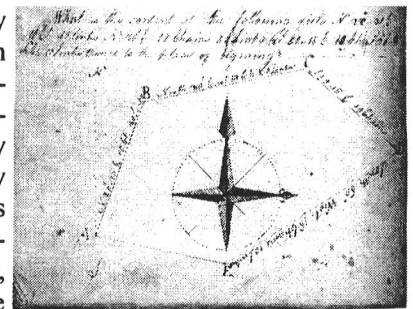
This page from Maria Elting's ciphering book shows "reduction." The problem she solved is, "In 9 pounds, how many shillings, pence and farthings?"

Louis Bevier Ciphering Book, 1800

Largely, this ciphering book concentrates on mathematical problems and processes related to surveying.

Louis Bevier (D-302) was born on February 13, 1779 to David Bevier (C-41) and Maria Hasbrouck and baptized ten days later at Marbletown, New York.

He was educated at the Kingston Academy, where he studied Greek, mathematics, surveying, and geography, in addition to other subjects. He remained at the family home at Marbletown and married Maria Elting, daughter of Cornelius Elting, on January 6, 1807. Together they had nine children. Louis served as a captain during the War of 1812, and was stationed at the "Quarantine Ground" on Staten Island. In 1820, Louis was appointed Lieutenant Colonel of the 130th Regiment of Infantry in New York State. He died on October 25, 1826.



Rachel Elting Ciphering Book, 1803-1812

Topics in this book range from addition of money to the rule of three.

Rachel Elting (E-60) was born on March 17, 1792 to Solomon Elting and Cornelia LeFevre. She married Dr. John Bo-

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Ciphering Books, cont.

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garded on June 24, 1820. Together they had six children. She died December 27, 1831 and is buried in the "Old Huguenot Burying Ground."

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The same may be said of April, June and November
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But February which Alone
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Alta Says

Have you looked at your family photos and snapshots lately? Are they named and dated? Will your descendants inherit a box of old photos without a clue as to who the faces belong to? A cousin of my father gave me just such a box with the comment. "maybe you can find out who these people are." Well, I knew a few because my grandparent's had had similar pictures and this inquisitive child was always asking identities and relationships. For others, I compared facial features, especially ears, and identified a few. So, for goodness sake, identify those photos on the back and if you know the person's middle name be sure to include it.



Two of three years ago a woman wrote and asked if I could identify any persons in a picture of a family gathering. I knew Grandpa had 3 siblings who had married 3 Poe siblings. As a child, I knew great Uncle John Cecil (but his Poe wife had died), I knew great Aunt Mary Cecil who had married Pressley Poe and had seen photos of Louisa and Nelson. Also, I knew Uncle John's children and also some grandchildren. Although I would have been very small at the time of the picture, they'd not changed all that much. From the lady's "unknowns" I put names to over half of them. So get busy and identify!!

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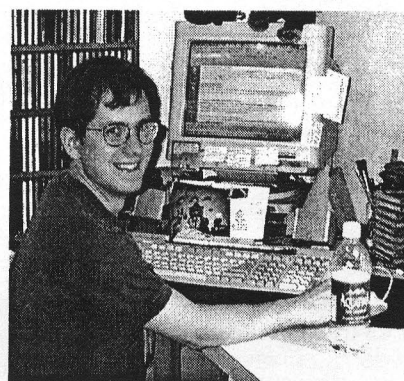
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HHS Archivist/Librarian Eric Roth recently visited Charlotte, NC to work with Edie Elting, HHS Webmaster, in launching a new section to the HHS website. The new web pages contain descriptions of the materials in the Society's historical collections. This information is proving to be a valuable aid to researchers, and can be accessed and searched by visiting www.hhs-newpaltz.org.

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Bevier Family News

AND – THE BEAT GOES ON

After the publication of the latest Bevier family genealogy, it might be assumed that the quest for family information has quieted down for awhile. Not so, the quest continues, possibly even more frenetic than before. It is logical that every day new Beviers are born and our senior citizens pass away, but there's more to it than that. Since the publication of The Bevier Family, research on the Internet and other sources of information continue with the same intensity as before. It is so interesting and challenging. I just can't put it down. So, I would ask my fellow Bevier cousins to help by informing me of any new births, weddings, deaths, or other events in their families to keep the records up to date and accurate.

We also sent every person that purchased a genealogy a note asking for corrections, additions, subtractions, etc. to their family history. There have been hardly any replies, which means either I'm a genius and haven't made many mistakes, or nobody gives a hoot. We all know the first point is ridiculous to contemplate and I hate to think the second point is true. Please inform me of any mistakes unwittingly made in the genealogy. The Bevier family database is a living thing and grows daily. Please help!

We have made some new contacts that might be of interest to the family. A newfound cousin in Washington State, **Dale Bassett**, found my e-mail address and started writing about the Bevier family. His mother was Garnett V. Bevier, daughter of Walter Elmer Bevier and Eva M. Henness. Garnett had five siblings that we knew very little about. Cousin Dale has been my eyes and ears out on the West Coast for a few months and has supplied me with much-needed information about his branch. Do you remember that letter written by Betsy Bevier to her sister about her wagon journey in the 1860's from Pennsylvania out to Michigan? That branch of the Bevier family didn't stop in Michigan, but kept going west until Betsy's grand-children ended up in California, Washington, and Oregon.

Another interesting find was a chance encounter with naval history on the Internet. I have always been very interested in ships and the adventures of the U.S. Navy, so when I found the CV-3 (Saratoga) web site I was attentive. Lo and behold, there was a **Lt. J. Bevier** listed as a casualty while serving aboard the "Sara." This piqued my interest because I couldn't figure out who J. Bevier was. I wrote an e-mail to the president of the Saratoga Society and he wrote back that he would look into it. He said he would put a blurb in the Sara's Newsletter about the fact that that I was looking for this officer. In about six weeks an e-mail arrived from a gentleman who indicated he had served with, and knew well, Lt. Bevier. I was a proud

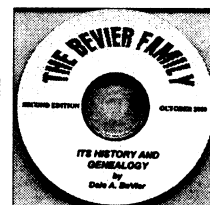
Bevier reading his letter. The "Sara" was providing air cover for the Marine landing at Iwo Jima on February 21, 1945. She came under heavy attack by Japanese Kamikaze planes. Lt. Bevier was in the Combat Information Center when a Kamikaze hit the carrier's island and destroyed CIC. Lt. Bevier was grievously wounded. He lost an arm and a leg up to his groin, and was in very bad shape. The Chaplain was with him as he suffered his agony. He asked the Chaplain to tell the medics to not spend any time with him as he wasn't going to live. "Help the others that can be saved", he said. My contact said that Lt. Bevier died a real hero. He was there in the book all along – I just wasn't looking in the right place. He is #3622 on page 365 of the genealogy. Some of the history is already there, but not the story about his *heroic* death. His name was **Condit Judson Bevier** and evidently he never used the name Condit (his mother's maiden name). Maybe he didn't like it much. Thus, he is listed on the casualty roles as J. Bevier.

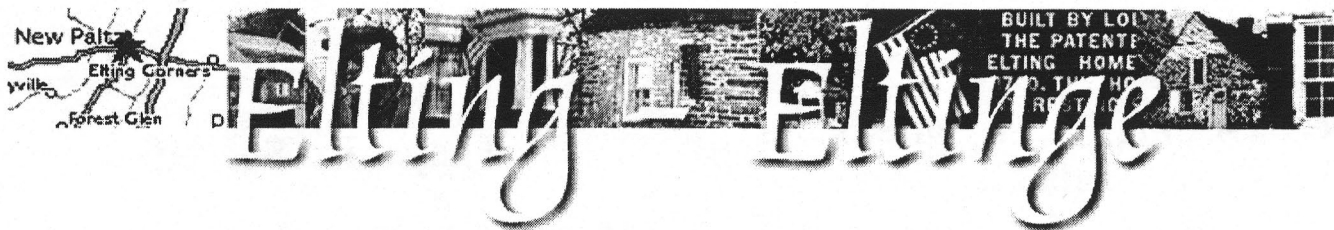
Wendy Bevier (2nd wife of Steven Wayne Bevier #5252), wrote an e-mail about their new baby. She seemed very interested, so I wrote back and asked numerous questions about that branch of the family. She has been a real big help in filling in the missing parts of that branch of the family complete with pictures. Their family has an interesting website with pictures. Check it out at www.powernap.org/beviers.html

THE BEVIER FAMILY IN CD-ROM

Both editions of **The Bevier Family – Its History and Genealogy** have been completely sold out. There are no plans to publish the book again for a few years because it is such a difficult process.

Therefore, It has been decided to put the complete book on CD-ROM. This is now ready for purchase. Microsoft Word is used to access the program. The CD works best if you have Word 97 or later. It is a large file, so loading it will take some time. For those of you wishing to purchase the CD-ROM version, please send a check in the amount of \$20.50 to Dale A. Bevier -- 509 S. Timber Trail -- Wildwood, FL 34785. This price includes postage. All of the profits will be donated to the BEFA genealogy fund.

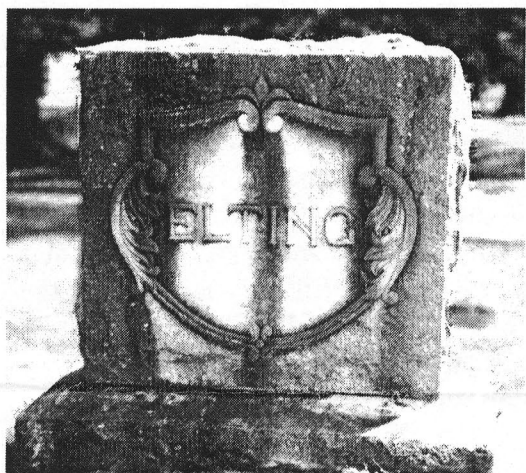




Bagpipes and Bugles, Fife and Drums

By Judy Elting

Over the past few years we've spent our fair share of time tromping around this great country of ours searching out the resting-places of our ancestors. For a genealogy buff, that's something akin to the fox and the hounds, nose to the trail searching this direction, then that, running in circles, only to come back to where we began, until we pick up the "scent".



Excitement and tears. Worn, sometimes broken stones tell of wars, plagues, childbirth, accidents, and natural causes that have brought a beloved wife, mother, husband, grandfather, darling son or daughter, sister or brother to these quiet, serene, large, small, historic, neatly manicured, iron fenced, overgrown, abandoned, vandalized, cattle trod, plowed under, farmed over, asphalt covered final resting places.

Exodus. The French Church Cemetery, Jacob Elting Burying Ground, Charlotte Memorial, McSperitt, Oakwood, Old Macomb Cemetery, St. Paul's, Raritan, Stickle, Stone Church, Fasken, Isabella, Camp Butler National Cemetery, Springfield National Cemetery, Eureka Cemetery, to name a few, each bearing witness to the struggles, the hopes, the dreams, the heartbreak of those who've gone before.

Ashes to ashes. Dust to dust. Lately it seems we've been spending far too much time in cemeteries. Joining in the procession, following the hearse. At the graveside of our beloved family member or friend, we pause, reflect, and eulogize. We shared in the struggles, the hopes, the dreams and heartbreaks of the one committed here this day. Granted these cemeteries aren't overgrown, abandoned, vandalized, cattle trod, plowed under, farmed over, or asphalt covered. The most recent, our second in less than a week. Camp Butler National Cemetery, Springfield, IL. What a beautiful place. There's something about a National Cemetery that makes a graveside service more poignant. It began with pipes in the distance gradually coming closer. A solitary piper comes into view, stops amid the rows of identical, perfectly spaced stones and stands at attention. The service ends, the pipes begin. He pipes a favorite hymn, gives a crisp salute, then piping Auld Lang Syne, he turned, marched down over the hill and out of sight, the pipes fading into silence. I could almost hear the fife and drums and see the soldiers marching behind him..

Gone but not forgotten...

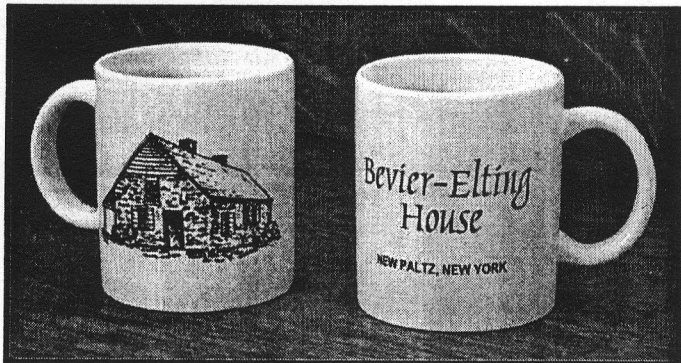
Above: Fasken Cemetery, Carthage, MO;
 Right: Springfield National Cemetery, Springfield, MO.
 More photos can be seen by visiting our website:
www.eltingweb.com/Elting/restingplaces.htm
-Edie Elting photos



The family of James Henry Elting is having their bi-annual Family Reunion in Seneca, SC in July of 2002. Brenda and Sonny Haguewood are graciously hosting the event. It is open to all Elting and/or Elting descendants who would like to gather together to meet family and friends from all over the country. This is just a pre-notification so that you may start marking your calendars for NEXT year. We will be sending information later as we get closer to the event.

Bevier-Elting House Coffee Cups Available

There are still a few of the beautiful Bevier-Elting House coffee cups available. For only \$6 plus \$4 shipping per cup, these will make a great gift.



To order yours, make your check out to BEFA and mail it to Edie Elting, 11514 Turnstone Court, Charlotte, NC 28226. If you wish, send a card to include and we will be happy to gift wrap them for you!

What's A Huguenot Anyway?

It's not often that seventh graders hear about Huguenot history in their classrooms, but one young B-EFA member recently had an opportunity to share some information with his teacher.

Kyle Utterback, a student at Cascade Middle School in Eugene, Oregon reports that there was actually a brief mention of Huguenot history in his social studies textbook. His teacher was quite surprised to learn of Kyle's Huguenot heritage (and to be informed that she was slightly mispronouncing the word!).

Kyle plans to take the new HHS Huguenot Street brochure, and other educational materials, to his teacher so she can learn about "his" New Paltz houses.

They Also Served

By Grace E. Castle

They served in France, in Vietnam, and in Korea, and they are sending e-mails, photos, stories of their "adventures," requests for information to be posted on the Elting Military Page of the B-EFA website, and even copies of their ship's newspaper. But these are not B-EFA members. They are not even members of the Elting (e) family! So why are they contacting me with all these wonderful things?

These men all served on, or were transported on, "our" ship named for General LeRoy Eltinge! They have found the website and excitedly contacted me through e-mail and snail mail. Their contributions will add significantly to not only the website, but to the book on Elting (e) military history that most of you know I have been researching for the past few years.

Though the men were each on the ship in a different era, they do have an interesting common trait---each one pronounces the Eltinge name as if it rhymed with fringe! They say that is the way they were taught on the ship.

This sudden influx of information from several states, including California, Iowa and Texas, has sparked a renewed interest in getting the research completed, so if you haven't sent your own family military history and photos to me yet, please do so soon!

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"When we are grateful for the good we already have, we attract more good into our life. On the other hand, when we are ungrateful, we tend to shut ourselves off from the good we might otherwise experience."

--- Margaret Stortz

A Colonial Street Festival (Stone House Day) set for August 11th this Year

After much deliberation and soul-searching by the Stone House Day Committee, it was decided to change the name of this, our biggest event of the year, to "A Colonial Street Festival" (Stone House Day) in an effort to better describe the event and to eliminate confusion with Hurley's Stone House Day held in July. The name Stone House Day, beloved to all who remember it from many years past, has nonetheless puzzled the uninitiated, who require an explanation as to what it's all about. And so was born the more descriptive, "A Colonial Street Festival," which seems to catch people's attention and interest. We will continue to use "Stone House Day" as a subhead - the name will not be buried totally.

Some of you may notice that August 11 is the second Saturday of the month, not the traditional third Saturday this event has been held in the past. It has been changed to the second Saturday because of an ongoing conflict with the town of Hurley's very popular Corn Festival which always falls on the same day. Now you can feel free to attend both and spend the day!

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Membership

By Grace E. Castle, Sec.

Several hundred dues notices have gone out since the October annual meeting, including notices, and then reminder notices, to active members, special invitations to those who haven't paid dues in recent years, and contribution opportunity notices to Life Members. Along with many of those notices, and with most membership cards, the secretary has mailed one of the new HHS brochures. Several members have written notes of appreciation for the brochure, and one member sent a special donation asking that a brochure be mailed to each of her children! This beautiful brochure continues to be a great recruitment tool, as well as a treasured keepsake. In addition, the association's website, created and hosted by Edie Elting of Elting Web Design, continues to attract new members from around the world.

Among the new members since the annual meeting in October 2000 are Marion Carr of Ann Arbor, MI; David Hauver of Marion, VA; Judy Blackman of White Plains, NY; Karen Hinkle of Norman, OK and Dr. Lucas Elting of The Netherlands.

Among those reinstating their memberships since the October 2000 annual meeting are Betty L. North of Casper, WY; Clarence Bevier of Jackson, MI and Bonnie Vigil of Aurora, CO. and Stephen Lumb of Poughkeepsie, NY.

If you're one of those who hasn't yet paid their 2001 dues, please do so right away so you don't miss the next issue of the newsletter! If you have questions regarding the status of your membership, please contact me at gecastle@aol.com, or call me at 847-437-3966 (evenings).

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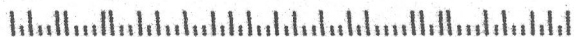
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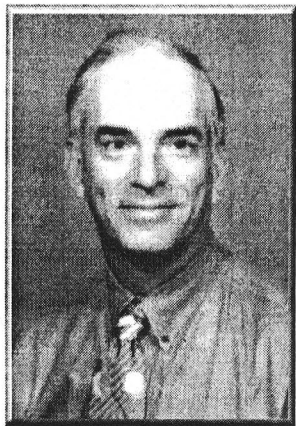
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President's Message



Here we are in the year 2001. It is hard to believe that the year 2000 went by so fast. It seems as though it was yesterday that I was worried about my computer and software being Y2K compliant.

While I am on the subject of computers, I wish to remind everyone to be sure to set their bookmarks (favorite places) to www.eltingweb.com/BEFA. Be sure that you read the guest book too. You may meet one of your own cousins there. We are receiving quite a few requests from people requesting membership information and brochures.

I would also like to congratulate Dr. Dale BeVier for his successful work on the Bevier genealogy. He is now offering the work on CD-ROM which he has mentioned on the Bevier page of this newsletter. The Elting genealogy is just about ready to go to the publisher. I will of course make the announcement ahead of publication date in order to anticipate the number of copies to have printed.

This year we will see some new projects from the Huguenot Historical Society. One being the "birds eye" camera, which will enable tourists on the street to know where they are in relation to the various historical structures.

-Jim